

Quick Reference Guide

Members providing essential/emergency care in the community during the COVID -19 Pandemic.

PREPARE	SCREEN	ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using Professional Clinical Judgement to determine what Essential / Emergency Care is in your Practice Population. Evaluate Ability to meet IPAC Recommendations for use of Personal Protective Equipment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed Covid-19 (<i>Airborne, Droplet and Contact Precautions</i>), Care of Covid-19 Negative Individuals (<i>Droplet and Contact Precautions</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members are strongly advised to self-assess daily using <i>Ontario Public Health (PHO) Self Assessment Tool</i> IDENTIFY Suspected COVID-19 cases by following current PHO protocol and tools to determine next steps. Screen patients THREE TIMES for COVID-19 using the PHO protocol and tools BY PHONE - Take patient through the self-assessment tool. If the patient screens positive at any SCREENING STAGE they should be instructed to stay home, self quarantine and not be given an appointment. Advise to contact Public health AT THE DOOR – Signage AT RECEPTION- Guide patient through the self-assessment tool (maintain spatial distance of at least 2 m and/or separation by physical barrier and or Droplet and Contact precautions) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide <u>ONLY</u> the essential / emergency care required for the patient. Schedule patients to avoid/limit overlap in waiting /common areas allowing social distancing. REQUEST those accompanying patients e.g. family members, drivers to <u>NOT</u> enter office unless essential. Place patient into treatment area/consult room as soon as possible.
<p>NOTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If members do not have these capacities, they should arrange for referral to alternate care, including a Member with that capacity. <u>If possible, avoid referring to ER or GP who will be 'overloaded'</u> IPAC Recommendations https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/updated-ipac-measures-covid-19.pdf?la=en 	<p>NOTES</p> <p>If the patient screens positive provide surgical/ procedure mask if tolerated, have them clean hands and immediately move the patient to a single patient room or separate area away from others. Instruct to go home, self quarantine. Advise to contact Public Health for next steps. Thoroughly follow ALL Infection control procedures. Consider how they can have emergency issue managed.</p> <p>Ontario Public Health Self Assessment Tool: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0</p> <p>Health care workplaces must adhere to requirements under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and its Regulations to https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o01</p> <p>https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus</p>	<p>NOTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space chairs in waiting room common areas to create 2m spacing. REMOVE ALL non-essential items in treatment, consult rooms and waiting areas to facilitate cleaning and disinfection (e.g. magazines, retail products etc.)