College of Chiropodist of Ontario

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

PREPARE

- Using professional clinical judgement to determine what emergency care is in your Practice Population.
- Consider CMOH strongly urges that those age 70+yrs, compromised immunity, underlying medical condition to stay at home!
- Evaluate ability to meet IPAC and recommendations for use of personal protective equipment.
 - Care of individuals with suspect or confirmed Covid-19 (Airborne, Droplet and Contact Precautions),
 - Care of Covid-19 negative individuals (Droplet and Contact Precautions)
 - Consider having all patients wear surgical mask while in the office space

SCREEN

- Members are strongly advised to self-assess daily using Ontario Public Health (PHO) Self Assessment Tool
- 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, utilise Droplet and Contact precautions

ACT

- Provide ONLY the emergency care required for the patient.
- Schedule patients to avoid 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 directly.

NOTES

- 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</u> to ER or GP who will be 'overloaded'
- IPAC Recommendations https://www.publichealthontario.ca/ /media/documents/ncov/updated-ipac-measures-covid-19 ndf?la=en

NOTES

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 foot condition managed.

Ontario Public Health Self Assessment Tool:

https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0

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/90001

 $\frac{https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus}{}$

NOTES

- 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.)
- https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/updated-ipac-measures-covid-19.pdf?la=en
- https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/bpenvironmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en