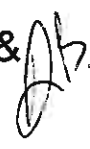


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**TO:** All Staff & Physicians

**FROM:** Infection Prevention & Control & Occupational Health & Safety 

**DATE:** September 23, 2020

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Testing

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Aligning with a province wide change, effective immediately, and as confirmed by Renfrew County Public Health Unit,

**Household members who do not have any symptoms must carefully self-monitor and can continue to attend school and work so long as they do not develop any symptoms. Everyone must continue to pay close attention to the rules on physical distancing, mask wearing and hand-washing.**

**Testing Guidelines:**

1. **Symptomatic Staff** – self-isolate and call x 8200 (high priority)
2. **Asymptomatic Staff with household members who have symptoms** – come to work and self-monitor as above. Email [Occhealth@pemreghos.org](mailto:Occhealth@pemreghos.org) to ask for an appointment time for swab testing for your household member. Please include your phone number and Occupational Health will call you back with a day & time. (medium priority)
3. **Asymptomatic staff who have had close contact with a positive case or household member has had close contact with a positive case** – Public Health gives direction on these cases. Call x 8200 and discuss the situation with Occupational Health.

With the re-opening of schools, there has been a significant increase for COVID-19 testing for both symptomatic staff and household contacts. Due to the increased demand, Occupational Health is prioritizing testing so staff who are self-isolating are tested first and symptomatic household members will follow.

Thank you for your patience.