



INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL GUIDANCE	
<b>LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spatial allowance for clients to follow a one-way traffic flow. This may apply for drive-through settings as well within a facility</li> <li>• Determine risk of transmission to occupied adjacent areas and organize workflow accordingly (e.g., room or space next to busy cafeteria etc.)</li> <li>• Furniture and supplies within the space should be limited, nonporous and able to be cleaned and disinfected</li> <li>• Availability and access to hand hygiene facilities; an area suitable for the storage of clean supplies including personal protective equipment (PPE), and dirty holding area (i.e., waste)</li> <li>• Ensure a worker safety assessment is in place. Workers operating in close proximity to moving vehicles are at increased risk of injury</li> <li>• For outdoor options, weather and other adverse working conditions should be considered. Ensure accommodations are considered for staff breaks for rest, hydration, and nourishment, as well as lavatory needs</li> </ul>
<b>SITE SETUP &amp; WORK FLOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol Based Hand Rub (ABHR), tissues and waste receptacles should be readily available at each entry point</li> <li>• Clients should maintain physical distancing of 2 metres between each other (e.g., placing chairs and/or markings on ground 2 metres apart) with the exception of members of the same household</li> <li>• Place laminated signage directing clients entering to perform hand hygiene</li> <li>• Minimize the number of access points and ensure that partitions or clear transparent barriers are placed in necessary areas to aid in one-way traffic flow</li> <li>• When possible or applicable, schedule and test all asymptomatic clients before testing those clients who are experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID, OR assign health care workers (HCWs) to either asymptomatic OR symptomatic clients and their household members</li> <li>• If this is not possible or applicable, HCWs should complete work with asymptomatic clients first before moving to those clients who are symptomatic</li> </ul>
<b>HAND HYGIENE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health care workers (HCWs) and essential visitors should perform hand hygiene when indicated, preferably using an ABHR (70-90%) or plain soap and water, if hands are visibly soiled</li> <li>• Education should be provided to essential visitors and residents about how and when to perform hand hygiene</li> </ul>
<b>CONTINUOUS MASK USE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow <a href="#">Continuous Mask Use</a> for use of masks by all health care providers</li> </ul>
<b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For staff PPE requirements, refer to <a href="#">Continuous and Extended PPE Use Guidelines for Testing and Assessment Sites</a></li> <li>• Staff should refer to and follow the instructions for <a href="#">putting on (donning)</a> and <a href="#">taking off (doffing)</a> PPE</li> <li>• For Client masking requirements, refer to <a href="#">Masking Guidelines for Patients/Residents/Clients</a></li> </ul>



	<p><u>Drive-Through Testing Sites</u><sup>‡</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff within the drive-through testing sites are required to wear a mask and eye protection as clients may unexpectedly exit their vehicles (e.g., specimen collection or in the event of an emergency). Additional PPE may be worn as per Point of Care Risk Assessment</li> <li>• PPE should be put on prior to entering the zone where the specimen will be taken and removed as per doffing instructions noted above</li> <li>• Parking attendants/Porters in the drive-through sites are required to wear a mask. Eye protection may also be required if 2 metre distancing cannot be maintained between them and the clients</li> <li>• Clients are not required to wear a mask, however in the event that they need to exit their vehicles they will be offered a mask if they don't already have one on</li> </ul>
<p><b>STAFF ATTIRE &amp; PERSONAL ITEMS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to <a href="#">Ways to Stay Safe at Work</a> and <a href="#">Frontline Worker Safety Guide</a></li> <li>• All food and drink (including water bottles with lids) should be kept in a designated clean area (preferably in staff room)</li> <li>• As much as possible, staff should schedule hydration breaks with regularly scheduled breaks or restroom breaks</li> <li>• If this is not feasible, staff should:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ remove all PPE and perform hand hygiene prior to moving into clean area *remember face shields are to be disinfected and only thrown out at the end of the shift</li> <li>➢ take their hydration break</li> <li>➢ then don new PPE before moving into the specimen collection 'zone'</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING AND DISINFECTION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning/disinfection products registered in Canada with a Drug Identification Number (DIN) and labelled as a broad-spectrum virucide are sufficient as long as manufacturer's instructions are followed (e.g., dilution, application and contact time).</li> <li>• All surfaces, especially those that are horizontal and frequently touched, should be cleaned at least twice daily and when soiled</li> <li>• All surfaces or items, which are touched by or in contact with HCWs (e.g., computer screens, telephones, touch screens) should be cleaned at least daily and when soiled (Refer to <a href="#">WS0001 Electronic Devices Cleaning Recommendations</a>)</li> <li>• Contact local Infection Prevention and Control to review cleaning needs and develop facility-based cleaning schedules</li> </ul>
<p><b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No special precautions are required; routine practices are sufficient</li> </ul>

\*Testing Sites include but are not limited to Testing and Assessment Centres, Mobile Testing Sites and Drive-Through Testing Sites

<sup>‡</sup>Drive-Through Testing Site – includes locations (covered or uncovered) where vehicle lane(s) are setup for the purposes of collecting COVID-19 specimens from clients who stay seated within their vehicles

**References**

Public Health Ontario. Technical Brief Updated IPAC Recommendations for Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19.  
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