

Medical Directive - Interpretation and Notification of COVID-19 Test Results


This medical directive supports the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) position on the interpretation and notification of COVID-19 test results.

Within the context of Occupational Health, Public Health and HealthLine 811, Registered Nurses are authorized to interpret positive and/or negative COVID-19 laboratory results and notify clients.

***Laboratory results that are neither positive nor negative (i.e., indeterminate or inconclusive) require consultation with a Medical Health Officer.**

Registered Nurses may assign the notification of test results to other workers within a collaborative work environment. This includes education and instruction of clients regarding self-isolation, self-monitoring, return to work and/or referral for urgent medical attention in accordance with the Work Standards, algorithms and supporting documents created exclusively for COVID-19.

Negative test results may also be communicated to clients through a process that includes automated reports distributed to other workers to call out. These calls are supported by scripts and work standards. If any additional information is requested the client is requested to make an appointment with their primary care practitioner or referred to 811 for follow up.

This medical directive has been approved by Dr. Susan Shaw, CMO  on November 25, 2020 and is effective for 3 years post the date of signing.