

## BCWH Maternal Newborn & Maternity Ambulatory Programs

### Testing Mothers and Infants for COVID-19

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<p><b>What's New?</b></p>	<p>Mothers and infants suspected of having COVID-19 receive testing for the presence of the coronavirus. This practice applies to all areas of the Maternal Newborn and Maternity Ambulatory Programs.</p>
<p><b>Why?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early identification of cases is vital to the prevention of respiratory infections in health care settings.</li> <li>• Active screening for COVID-19 is now in place. All clinicians are expected to routinely screen patients for signs of infection, self-isolation and travel history. Patients under investigation should be managed with contact and droplet precautions.</li> <li>• Nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs are performed using contact and droplet precautions. The HCP must wear gown, gloves, surgical/procedural mask and eye protection (face shield or goggles). This procedure does not require the use of an N95 mask.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How does this affect my practice?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen all mothers/patients as per <b>the COVID-19+ SCREENING AND TESTING ALGORITHM <a href="#">Testing Mothers and Infants for COVID-19</a></b></li> <li>• All infants of COVID positive mothers must have a pediatrician consult at birth or by 90 minutes of age.</li> <li>• All infants of mothers who are COVID-19 positive will have an NP swab performed within the first 2 hrs, as per Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC) Guidelines</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do I find out more?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the procedure and speak with CRNs, Senior Practice Leaders, Program Managers, and educators.</li> </ul>