

## COVID-19 Screening and Testing Algorithm and COVID-19+ Reference Tool

April 17, 2020

<p><b>What's New?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Updated comprehensive list of symptoms:</b> fever, new and worsening cough, shortness of breath, rhinorrhea, nasal congestion, loss of sense of smell, sore throat, painful swallowing, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of appetite, chills, vomiting, or diarrhoea</li> <li>2. <b>Testing criteria continues to be refined.</b></li> <li>3. <b>Testing for non-priority patients may be completed by physician/nurse practitioner.</b></li> <li>4. <b>Includes BCCDC lab guidance</b></li> <li>5. <b>Includes BCCDC guidance for discontinuing isolation for confirmed COVID-19 cases</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>Why?</b></p>	<p>As new evidence emerges, triaging, assessment and testing criteria and processes evolve.</p>
<p><b>How does this affect my practice?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be reviewed regularly and shared during program/clinic edu-quicks and meetings. When screening and testing algorithm is updated a new practice update will be disseminated.</li> <li>• Public health surveillance case definition may not be reflected in this algorithm. Refer to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) website for current public health surveillance case definition.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do I find out more?</b></p>	<p>Review the <a href="#">COVID-19 Screening &amp; Testing Algorithm</a> Review the <a href="#">COVID-19+ Reference Tool</a></p>
<p><b>Who do I contact for further information?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact your unit/program clinical educator or nurse leader</li> <li>2. Page the Infection Control Practitioner at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local 2161 or pager 41-02411 Monday to Friday 0800-1600 or IPACS@cw.bc.ca</li> <li>• After Hours page the Infection Control Officer through paging 2161</li> </ul> </li> </ol>