



# BCWH Maternal Newborn & Maternity Ambulatory Programs

## Testing Mothers and Infants for COVID-19

### April 17, 2020

<b>What's New?</b>	<p>Updated language has been added to the Assessment and Testing Procedure Steps in the Testing Mothers and Infants for COVID-19.</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>
<b>Why?</b>	<p>Language was updated to clarify that testing is for mothers and infants have respiratory symptoms (after screening Yes to the Screening questions).</p> <p>This update is to align with the same requirements as the COVID 19 Screening and Testing Algorithm.</p>
<b>How does this affect my practice?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen all mothers/patients as per the <a href="#">COVID-19+ SCREENING AND TESTING ALGORITHM</a></li> <li>• Follow the Procedure steps in the updated <a href="#">Testing Mothers and Infants for COVID-19</a></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>How do I find out more?</b>	<p>Review the procedure and speak with CRNs, Senior Practice Leaders, Program Managers, and educators.</p>
<b>Who do I contact for further information?</b>	<p>Contact your unit/program clinical educator or nurse leader</p> <p>Page the Infection Control Practitioner at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local 2161 or pager 41-02411 Monday to Friday 0800-1600 or <a href="mailto:IPACS@cw.bc.ca">IPACS@cw.bc.ca</a></li> <li>• After Hours page the Infection Control Officer through paging 2161</li> </ul>