



Physicians

C&W Laboratory Testing Update

March 20, 2020

What's New?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised testing from individual handling of samples to universal handling.2. Notification of the microbiologist is no longer needed as of noon, March 20th, 2020.3. Samples can now be accepted via the pneumatic tube.
Why?	As COVID-19 cases increase and the virus begins to spread locally, individual handling of samples from such patients is no longer effective. The C&W laboratory testing process are being amended to accommodate this increase.
How does this affect my practice?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement isolation precautions as per IPAC guidelines found on ePOPS• Send samples in the required zip-lock bags and via the pneumatic tube.• For tests which are difficult to manage universally, consultation may be required.
How do I find out more?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Review the C&W Laboratory Testing Update here and attached list of tests at the C&W site which are impacted by the pandemic. COVID-19 C&W LAB TESTING UPDATE
Who do I contact for further information?	Call the medical microbiologist (available 24/7) to assist with complex cases.