

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Health PEI Physicians  
**FROM:** Dr. André Celliers and Tanya Tynski, Planning Section Chiefs  
**DATE:** March 21, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Planning regarding Community services by Physicians/NPs

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We are writing to clarify the planning happening regarding clinics to assess and treat patients exhibiting signs of respiratory illness.

In response to this emergency, the initial focus was to establish COVID-19 screening clinics. These are now operating for eight hours per day, seven days a week in Charlottetown and Summerside.

We are now focused on coordinating a plan with physicians and nurse practitioners specifically to address the needs of patients requiring assessment and treatment for respiratory illness. This would include care for individuals who are not considered at risk for having COVID-19 as well as those who may be at risk of COVID-19 based on current screening guidelines from the Chief Public Health Office.

A planning team for community respiratory assessment clinics is being mobilized under the Planning section of the Joint Response Team. All efforts and proposals to establish or arrange clinics should be directed to Gail Scott, Director of Medical Affairs, at [gascott@ihis.org](mailto:gascott@ihis.org).

It is important to note that the clinics need to be coordinated in order to provide optimal access for patients in the community requiring care as well as securing and conserving our supply of personal protective equipment (PPE). The preservation of these supplies is critical to us being able to continue to provide this protective gear for staff and patients when it is required. Over the last week the usage of PPE has doubled even with a decrease in services in most areas. We also recognize the challenge individual physicians' offices have in purchasing PPE from their usual vendors. We are on allocation from our vendors as well.

Updates on the progress of these clinics will be provided as it becomes available.

Thank you for your dedication and efforts as we work together to safely contain this pandemic.