# IWK Pediatric Hematology ONcology Program

# COVID-19 Ambulatory HCP

# Quick Reference

Addressing Patient **Phone Calls** (i.e. **NOT** presenting in Ambulatory Care Settings)

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| **YES- In past 14 days, patient traveled outside Nova Scotia or was exposed to someone who has tested POSITIVE for COVID-19**  **YES- Symptomatic with fever and/or cough** | |
| Instruct patient to go to IWK or local ED. | |
| Staff should:   * Notify clinic oncologist that patient was sent for urgent COVID-19 testing. * If local patient, Call IWK ED to alert them that the patient is coming. * If regional patient, request patient to notify pediatrician and go to regional ED. * Remind patient to place EMLA on PAC and show Treat Promptly care at triage. | |
| **Oncologist Algorithm** | |
| If fit for discharge home, follow up with patient daily. | If requires, admission – admit to 6 Link protective isolation room. |

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| **YES- In past 14 days, patient traveled outside Nova Scotia or was exposed to someone who has tested POSITIVE for COVID-19**  **NO- fever or cough** |
| * Staff to instruct patient to self-isolate and to self-monitor for symptoms, including taking temperature twice daily (morning and night) to ensure it’s not >38°C and assess for development of cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms including fatigue, muscle aches, headache and sore throat. * Advise patient to maintain distance (ideally >2 metres/ 6 feet) from any individual who has tested positive. |

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| **YES- Exposure to someone who has traveled outside of Nova Scotia within the last 14 days**  **NO fever or cough** |
| * Staff to instruct patient to self-monitor for symptoms, including taking temperature twice daily (morning and night) to ensure it’s not >38°C and assess for development of cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms including fatigue, muscle aches, headache and sore throat. * Advise patient to maintain distance (ideally >2 metres/ 6 feet) from any individual with a recent travel history. * Nurse to notify treating oncologist |

# Cancer Care COVID-19 Quick Reference for

# Patients coming to Ambulatory Care Clinics

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| **YES- Symptomatic with fever and/or cough**  **AND**  **YES- In past 14 days, traveled outside Nova Scotia, or was exposed to someone who had traveled outside Nova Scotia within the last 14 days** |
| **If aware of YES to these questions, during clinic hours assess in clinic.**  **Staff to isolate patient on contact and droplet precautions.**   * 1. Provide patient with a surgical mask, instruct to clean their hands and place in a room with the door shut.   2. Health care providers (HCPs) should use personal protective equipment (PPE) with face shield, mask, gown and gloves.   3. Use a viral swab – for RSV, Influenza, COVID-19 swab throat and both nares. N95 mask is not required for this type of procedure.   4. Nasopharyngeal aspirates (NPA) swabs for COVID-19 testing are not necessary. |
| Usual work up for possible fever/neutropenia should occur. |
| **NO- Symptomatic with fever and/or cough**  **YES-** In the past 14 days, **traveled outside of Nova Scotia or was exposed to someone (symptomatic/asymptomatic) who had traveled outside of Nova Scotia within the last 14 days** |
| **Patient should be on isolation.**  Upon admission to clinic, instruct patient to:   * Wash hands * Remain in isolation   Patient should be placed in isolation room with the door closed while waiting.  Limit movement from room except for necessary medical procedures.  Staff do not need to wear PPE when in the room with the patient. |
| **Instruct patient on discharge from clinic:**   * If symptomatic when they are home, go to IWK or local Cancer Care team if new symptoms. |

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| **YES- Symptomatic with fever and/or cough**  **NO- In past 14 days, traveled outside of Nova Scotia or was exposed to someone who has traveled outside of Nova Scotia within the last 14 days or to someone known to be COVID-19 positive** |
| **Staff to isolate patient on contact and droplet precautions.**  a. Provide patient with a surgical mask, instruct to clean their hands and place in an isolation room with the door shut.  b. Hhealth care providers (HCPs) should use personal protective equipment (PPE) with face shield, mask, gown and gloves.  c. Use a viral swab – for RSV, Influenza, COVID-19 swab throat and both nares. N95 mask is not required for this type of procedure.  d. Nasopharyngeal aspirates (NPA) swabs for COVID-19 testing are not necessary. |
| **Usual work up for possible fever/neutropenia should occur.** |
| On discharge from clinic:   * Ensure patients have Treat Promptly Card * Contact housekeeping to complete a terminal clean of the room. |
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All other patients routine care.