

### New Information:

- Michael Garron Hospital is providing FHC with PCR testing kits to support occ health processes for employees and their household members. HR and your manager will connect you with these kits as required (see occ health reminder below).

### Updated Information:

- **Directive # 2:** On January 4<sup>th</sup>, the Chief Medical Officer announced that regulated health professionals cease all non-emergent or non-urgent surgeries and procedures. These are procedures that require surgical nursing, general anesthesia support or create a risk resulting in the use of emergency medical services or other hospital services due to serious complications. Regular health professionals should use clinical judgement to determine what are urgent or emergent surgeries and procedures. The goal is to preserve system capacity to deal with the rapid spread of Omicron. Otherwise, this does not impact other care that FHC provides.
- **N95 masks:** client facing staff are to use N95 mask when seeing clients. This includes providers, medical secretaries and screening staff. Please speak to your manager or the Onsite Support Manager.
- [Decision Matrix for Client Care during COVID-19 \(In-person vs Virtual\)](#) has been updated to prioritize virtual care.

### Important Reminders:

- Please remember to use the **FHC Covid Self-Assessment online screening tool** each time you are onsite to check whether it's safe to do so. <https://screen.tehn.ca/FHC/Login> This must also be done to track who is onsite should contact tracing be required. Management is conducting audits to check that the tool is being used and providing reminders to staff to help keep FHC safe for everyone.
- **Vaccination cards** for local residents/clients/staff and their family members\*
  - o Michael Garron Hospital has provided FHC with 50 vaccination cards per day until January 16th. These cards can be given for eligible individuals to get their first dose, second dose and/or third (booster) dose appointments
  - o Please contact Cinthya Narvaez or Neil Stephens for more information.
- **Occ Health:** Please remember to reach out to HR [HR@fhc-chc.com](mailto:HR@fhc-chc.com) and your manager if you or a household member are experience COVID-19 symptoms, have been exposed or have traveled outside of Canada. Only HR or your manager can provide direction to clear you to work on-site or in the community. Guidelines are changing rapidly and FHC is aligning with MGH. This means we may need to provide different direction than what is being provided to the rest of the public. You cannot clear yourself based on results from a rapid antigen test or based on other criteria.

**REMINDER re Important links to:**

- Staff Information Site: <https://www.fhc-chc.com/staff-information/>
- FHC Covid-19 Information Page: <https://www.fhc-chc.com/covid/>