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From: Lavigne Sylvie-Anne (NHQ-AC)
Sent: March 9, 2021 7:44 AM
To: Clement Chris (NHQ-AC); Pathberiya Semini (NHQ-AC)
Cc: VanDalen Madison (NHQ-AC)
Subject: FW: Correctional Service of Canada (CSC)- COVID-19 Questions

Good morning Chris,
Below is the answers I received from the College of Nurses of Ontario for my questions.
Is there some clarification you would like me to ask [REDACTED]?
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 8, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Lavigne Sylvie-Anne (NHQ-AC) <Sylvie-Anne.Lavigne@CSC-SCC.GC.CA>
Subject: RE: Correctional Service of Canada (CSC)- COVID-19 Questions

Dear Sylvie-Anne,

Thank you for contacting the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) with your questions.

I just want to preface my responses to your questions with the caveat that a nurse's scope of practice is always informed by three elements; legislation, employer policies/practice setting, and the individual nurse's knowledge, skill, and judgement. Please click on the link for more questions to consider when working through your inquiry as there may be other factors to consider, such as setting specific legislation or employer policies.

- Can Registered Nurses perform a COVID-19 test **without a physician order**?

I am not sure if when you say "perform" are you referring to collecting a specimen and sending it to a lab for testing? Or are you referring to collecting a specimen and completing a point of care (POCT) antigen test?

Please consider the following when working through your inquiry:

There is a time-limited exemption under the Laboratory and Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act (LSCCLA) – Regulation 683 section 9(1) allowing Registered Nurses (RN) in Ontario to collect a specimen for a COVID test without an order **if a controlled act is not involved**. If a controlled act is involved (such as a nasopharyngeal swab, please see RHPA: Scope of Practice, Controlled Acts Model for more information on controlled acts) then the RN would require an order to perform the controlled act from an authorized provider, such as a Nurse Practitioner or Physician.

I would also encourage you to review the updated Regulation 682 section 13.2 related to COVID POCTs if applicable.

I would encourage you to review the following documents from the ministry and consider how they apply to your setting:

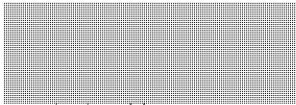
- COVID-19 Guidance: Considerations for Antigen Point-of-Care Testing
- COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update

- Can Registered Nurses vaccinate for COVID-19 **without an order**? On your website there is a note regarding exemption in the RHPA, but to me it is not clear if registered nurses working in federal institutions in Ontario meet this exemption criteria. Could you please clarify?

RNs and RPNs in Ontario can administer the COVID-19 vaccine without an order **as long as they are engaged by an organization or an entity that has an agreement with the Minister of Health** related to the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. If there are any additional requirements for federal employees working in Ontario, this should be discussed and addressed when the agreement with Ontario's Minister of Health is being made. For the most up to date COVID vaccination information, please see [FAQ's COVID-19 Vaccinations](#).

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Good morning,

I just contacted the College and was asked to direct my questions to your team.

As you know CSC hired many nurses in many provinces including Ontario.

I have 2 questions for you this morning.

- Can Registered Nurses perform a COVID-19 test **without a physician order**?
- Can Registered Nurses vaccinate for COVID-19 **without an order**? On your website there is a note regarding exemption in the RHPA, but to me it is not clear if registered nurses working in federal institutions in Ontario meet this exemption criteria. Could you please clarify?

Thank you for your valuable assistance.

Sylvie-Anne

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