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To: All CASLPO Registrants (*Please share with CASLPO Colleagues*)

Two Important Communications from the Ministry of Health

The following highlights key changes in both documents. Please be sure to review the documents in their entirety.

1. Revision to Directive #5 for PPE in Hospitals and Long Term Care Homes October 5th 2020

Key changes

- a. The term **Public Hospitals** replaces "hospitals"
- b. Delineates **regulated health professionals** as defined under the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 and **health care workers**, other individuals employed by or in public hospitals and long-term care homes
- c. In the event that the supply of PPE reaches a point where utilization rates indicate that a shortage will occur, the government and employers, as appropriate, **will be responsible for communicating PPE supply levels**
- d. A point-of-care risk assessment (PCRA) must be performed by **every regulated health professional** before every patient or resident interaction in a public hospital or long-term care home. The public hospital or long-term care home **will not deny access to a fit-tested N-95 respirator or approved equivalent** or better protection if determined by the PCRA.

2. COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care

[Outil de dépistage de la COVID-19 pour les enfants qui fréquentent les écoles et les services de garde d'enfants](#)

Key Changes

- a. The screening tool's health symptom questions are divided into two sections
- b. If the answer is "YES" to any of the symptoms included under **question 1**:
 - i) The child should stay home to isolate immediately.
 - ii) Parents contact the child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.
- c. If the answer is "YES" to any of the symptoms included under **question 2**, a different course of action takes place. If symptoms improve, a negative COVID-19 test is not required to return to school
- d. Five FAQs and examples on how to respond to questions are included for parents and caregivers

As we work together in addressing COVID-19, we are here to help you.

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Stay Safe. Stay Healthy!

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