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Memorandum

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To: All Health Care Providers

From: Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) & Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC)

Subject: Provider Update #9: 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Colleagues,

As you are all aware from the public announcements, there have been multiple cases of COVID-19 identified within Yukon. Five cases have been identified, within two distinct groupings consisting of one cluster of four and one stand-alone case. It is important to note that all index cases involved travel either international or outside of Yukon.

The importance of avoiding all non-essential travel cannot be over emphasized. For persons who have critical travel requirements adherence to 14-day self-isolation is imperative.

Three persons have fully recovered and have completed their period of isolation. The remaining cases on isolation are doing well and are being managed in the community setting.

Please continue to reinforce the key messages of social distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and the importance of self-isolation and self-monitoring with the public, your colleagues and practice them yourself.

The following clinical guidance documents have been updated:

- COVID-19 Testing Recommendations - Whitehorse & Rural (March 31, 2020)
 - Minor change - corrected missing text
 - Preferred swab collection for rural YT identified

Please post the recommendations in your facility for ongoing reference
- Public health management of cases and contacts (March 31, 2020)
 - Additional guidance on contact tracing, management of contacts and cases.

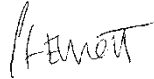
- Guidance for Clinical Staff in Family Physicians' Offices (March 30, 2020)
 - Alignment with existing testing guidelines and social distancing requirements.
- Guidance for Community Nursing Health Centres in Rural Yukon (March 30, 2020)
 - Alignment with existing testing guidelines and social distancing requirements.

Two existing client handouts – are now also available in Tagalog

- Information about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Self-isolating at home (Feb 19, 2020)
- Information about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for caregivers (Feb 19, 2020)

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Thank you,


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