

Ministerial Authorization for Performance of COVID-19 Rapid Testing Services

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

AUTHORITY: *Public Health and Safety Act*

SECTION: 4.2

REASON FOR AUTHORIZATION: To assist in the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared under section 4.3 of the *Public Health and Safety Act* on March 18, 2020.

AUTHORIZATION:

1. In this Authorization, a “health profession” means a profession in which a person exercises skill or judgment or provides a service related to (a) the preservation or improvement of the health of individuals, or (b) the treatment or care of individuals who are injured, sick, disabled, or infirm, and, for greater certainty, includes:

- doctors;
- nurses;
- pharmacists;
- dentists;
- dental hygienists;
- dental therapists;
- emergency medical technicians;
- first responders, including firefighters;
- home support workers;
- physiotherapists;
- midwives;
- dieticians;
- optometrists;
- occupational therapists;
- chiropractors;
- osteopaths; and
- massage therapists

2. Individuals who are qualified to practice a health profession anywhere in Canada, or elsewhere in the world, are authorized to support the response to COVID-19 by performing and interpreting rapid antigen and molecular tests throughout Yukon.

3. Individuals who are qualified to practice veterinary medicine anywhere in Canada or the United States are authorized to support the response to COVID-19 by performing and interpreting rapid antigen and molecular tests throughout Yukon.
4. Individuals who are retired from practice, but who were qualified to practice a health profession, or to practice veterinary medicine, anywhere in Canada the United States within the last 10 years, are authorized to support the response to COVID-19 by performing and interpreting rapid antigen and molecular tests throughout Yukon.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUTHORIZATION::

1. Prior to being authorized to perform and interpret rapid antigen and molecular tests, individuals must have completed training, passed a test and received a completion certificate.
2. Individuals must be under the supervision of a physician, nurse practitioner or registered nurse with an expanded scope of practice at all times when conducting tests and must report positive and negative results as soon as reasonably possible to Yukon Communicable Disease Control.
3. Positive test results may only be communicated to a tested person by a physician, nurse practitioner or registered nurse with an expanded scope of practice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 26, 2021

EXPIRY DATE: July 10, 2021 (unless extended by Order-in-Council)



June 25, 2021

Tracy-Anne McPhee,

Date

Minister of Health and Social Services

This authorization will be posted on the following website: <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/legislation-changes-covid-19>

This authorization will be posted in the following locations: Local newspapers.

