

# COVID-19 Update

## Employee and Physician Information



## Memo from Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health

April 5, 2021

**To: All Staff**

**Re: Mask Compliance and Face Shield Usage**

Further to the memo distributed on March 26<sup>th</sup> regarding *Alert Level Changes to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Procedures*, staff are reminded the following:

- All staff should continue to use the [Point of Care Risk Assessment](#) to determine if a face shield is required for client interactions.
- Contact/Droplet precautions are still required for all interactions with clients that screen positive on the COVID-19 Triage Screening Tool. For more information, please refer to [COVID-19 Testing of Admissions and Isolation Requirements v15 - March 26, 2021](#).
- **For clients that are non-compliant with mask usage, a face shield is required** pending COVID-19 test results *regardless* of COVID-19 Triage Screening results. For more information, please refer to the [IPAC Guidelines for Inpatients, Residents, Clients, and Visitors Who Cannot Wear a Mask - Feb 14, 2021](#).

For issues or concerns, please reach out to your program's Infection Control Practitioner or contact Occupational Health at: (709) 777-7777, pathways 3, then 2, or email [occhealth@easternhealth.ca](mailto:occhealth@easternhealth.ca).

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