



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Provincial Department Heads, Program Directors, Program Administrators, Residents, RDoS and PGME Staff

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Updates: PCR Testing

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The PGME office will continue to provide the College of Medicine community with the most recent SHA and University of Saskatchewan updates regarding COVID-19 whenever possible.

### **EXPOSURE & TESTING:**

Effective April 28, 2022, Abbott ID testing guidelines have changed. If a resident is exposed to COVID-19, develops any symptoms compatible with COVID-19, or tests positive on a Rapid Antigen Test they are to **call 811**. 811 will assess if the resident meets the requirements for a PCR test. If 811 determines that a PCR test is required, an appointment is made, and the test/swab is sent to the lab. Test results are not available immediately.

The [SHA Exposure to COVID-19 Package](#) for health care workers is available online.

The PGME office is here to assist you throughout this process. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Gayathri Manoharan [gayathri.manoharan@usask.ca](mailto:gayathri.manoharan@usask.ca).

Sincerely,

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