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Effective Sept. 27, 2022, patients will no longer be required to self isolate prior to surgery. The ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee recommends that patients will be required to limit social contacts between their COVID-19 test date and surgery date. In situations where physical distancing is not possible, patients will be asked to wear a face mask.

The revised [IPC Guidance OR Theatres OR Decision Pathway Orange Phase - September 27, 2022](#) has been posted to Skyline

Please visit the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline Page](#) for COVID-19 information.



[ID-IPC Sentinel Testing Guidance](#)

The ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee has been asked to provide an update on COVID-19 Sentinel Testing.

SENTINEL TESTING:

- **Outbreak facilities** (facilities with two or more units in outbreak at a single time for regional hospitals and one unit for community hospitals): will complete random sentinel testing of five inpatients, twice per week in non-outbreak/exposure units.
- **Combined units** (where COVID-19 positive patients are being managed in place): sentinel testing of five inpatients will be completed twice per week. This testing will continue for seven days post discharge of last COVID-19 positive patient.

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- **Exposure units:** sentinel testing of five inpatients will be completed twice per week on exposure units. This testing will continue five days from identification of last positive case.

These PCR tests will be sent for processing at the provincial laboratory and patients will not require isolation while waiting for results.

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