

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #213b – COVID-19 – ID-IPC Sentinel Testing Guidance

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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.
- **Exposure units:** sentinel testing of five inpatients will be completed twice per week on exposure units. This testing will continue seven 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.

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

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