

***This is an update from Saskatchewan Health Authority's (SHA) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) supporting Coronavirus (COVID-19) preparedness, planning and response.

1. Factual Information

We will update you on the evolving public health situation through *SHA Rounds*, which appears in your inbox each Thursday. *SHA Rounds* will outline new information, tools and resources available on www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus, which is Saskatchewan's source of information for health care providers and the public about COVID-19.

Information that is more urgent will be provided more often. While the risk of COVID-19 to Saskatchewan residents remains low, we will ensure you are aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our province.

2. Co-ordinated response

The EOC is working in partnership with the Ministry of Health to ensure co-ordination of efforts across the SHA and the rest of health system. The EOC is working to finalize decisions related to community testing sites, personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies and protocols, and complete our written preparedness plan, among other items. More information on these items will be shared soon.

Please raise any concerns related to COVID-19 preparedness and response through your normal processes.

3. Your help is needed

As health care providers, we can set a good example for people by doing our best to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Practice proper cough and sneezing etiquette (into the bend of your elbow)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Maintain safe food practices
- Call HealthLine at 811 if you are concerned about your symptoms or believe you may be at risk.

It is also important we each communicate only factual information and prevent the spread of rumours.

Your safety and safety of the Saskatchewan public is our highest priority and we are working to ensure you are informed and prepared regarding COVID-19.

Please print and post this information in your area.***