

## MEMO

**Date:** May 13, 2020 **UPDATED Feb. 22, 2021**  
**To:** All Health Care Workers; COVID-19 Testing Sites  
**From:** **Dr. Brent Roussin**  
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**Re:** **COVID-19 Testing for Staff and Occupational Health**

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Effective immediately, all health care workers (staff and physicians) and first responders who become symptomatic may self-refer to a testing site for COVID-19 without calling Occupational Health Services or designate, or Health Links – Info Santé, in advance and be tested, provided they meet the screening criteria.

Upon arrival at the COVID-19 testing location, the health care worker (staff, physician or first responder) shall self-declare as a **Health Care Worker (HCW) or First Responder (FR)** to the greeter and present their work ID. Testing/ Specimen Collection staff are required to enter either **HCW or FR** onto the lab requisition so that it can be entered into the lab system. Testing locations can be located by referring to: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/locations.html>.

All staff who are self-isolating due to symptoms and who are awaiting testing results, shall call their local Occupational Health Services or designate to report that they are self-isolating and that for this reason they will be away from work.

Contact information for Occupational Health Services or designate can be found by referring to: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/occupational-health-contact-information.pdf>.

The COVID-19 toll-free Occupational Health Services or designate line **1-888-203-4066** has been upgraded and staff added in response to demand. This new phone line will allow routing of calls and will improve the timeliness and efficiency of our response. This line is open from **8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week**.

During regular business hours Monday to Friday, staff are asked to call their local Occupational Health Service or designate if available.

Negative test results can be obtained by going to the Shared Health COVID-19 Online Results Display site at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/>. Staff should check the portal daily, and once they have their results, contact their [Occupational Health or designate](#) for their return to work screening. Staff are asked to leave their name, place of employment and a brief message. Messages will be returned as soon as possible and staff are asked to refrain from leaving multiple or lengthy messages.