

## MEMO

**Date:** March 23, 2020 **UPDATED**

**To:**

**From:** **Dr. Brent Roussin**  
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Health System Integration & Quality,  
Chief Nursing Officer, Shared Health

**Re:** **Considerations for Use of Volunteers** (registered and active with SDO Volunteer Services) **at Increased Risk of COVID-19**

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Following discussion, it has been determined that the risk to COVID-19 volunteers is primarily related to the presence of pre-existing health conditions and is not solely determined by age.

In light of the increasing need for volunteers, regional health authorities and facilities are encouraged to consider the following:

- Restrict any volunteer with respiratory (cold/flu) symptoms;
- Restrict any volunteer with travel, **including travel within Canada**, within the last 14 days;
- Restrict any volunteer with direct contact to a known or suspected COVID-19 case;
- Restrict the minimum age for volunteers to 18 for the foreseeable future;
- Share information with volunteers about the risk factors associated with COVID-19 and ask them to make informed decisions about whether or not to proceed with their planned shifts