

Memorandum

Date: 19 March 2020
To: All PHC Staff and Physicians
From: Dr. Nardia Strydom, Regional Medical Director of Primary Care and Regional Department Head of Family Medicine for VCH and PHC
Claudia Friess, Corporate Director of Acute Care, PHC
Cc: Yasmin Jetha, Vice President, Community Services, VCH
Shannon Hopkins, Regional Director, Home Health & Operations Director for Home Health, MHSU, STAT, Transition Services, Vancouver Community
Re: **COVID-19 Vancouver assessment site for PHC / VCH staff**

We have been working closely with our partners at Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) to coordinate the launch of a dedicated COVID-19 assessment site for staff, physicians and community health care providers.

The site is located in the parking lot behind Honoria Conway and is scheduled to open Friday, March 20.

Site location:

Advanced Parking Lot #9075
Honoria Conway at St. Vincent's, 4875 Heather Street, Vancouver
Entrance off West 33rd Avenue, north side (between Willow and Heather streets)

The staff assessment site will be open seven days a week, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. It is designated for health care employees and physicians at PHC and VCH, community family doctors and community health care providers, as well as PHSA and Emergency Health Services staff. Fraser Health employees are also welcome, as per a reciprocal agreement with their assessment sites.

Staff at VCH and PHC who meet the testing criteria for COVID-19 may drive to the site to receive assessment. These will be conducted by nurses while people remain in their vehicles.

Testing criteria:

- Must provide direct care to patients, clients or residents;
- AND have symptoms such as new onset cough, OR fever, OR shortness of breath OR other cold-like symptoms.
- Please bring your PHN and Health Authority ID, if you have it.

To ensure the safety of our patients, clients, residents and each other, all health-care workers and medical staff **should not be working if they are sick**. If you are a health-care worker or medical staff and feel sick, you should:

- Put on a mask
- Finish any essential services you are providing
- Get tested
- Go home

Further information and resources on COVID-19 for PHC staff are available [HERE](#). This website is updated several times a day.