



## **COVID – 19 UPDATE & TESTING**

### **Notice to College Registrants**

January 6, 2022

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has moved into Alert Level 4.

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/alert-levels/alert-level-4/>

There is no significant change to our requirements, as previously posted.

Please continue to screen clients, utilize a surgical mask, physical distance and wash hands.

A number of individuals have asked about alternative masks – if the brand has the standard of ASTM F2101, ASTM F1862 on the box it would meet the standard for a medical/surgical mask.

It is possible in some private practice areas and Regional Health Authorities that individual physiotherapists could be hired or deployed to assist with testing procedures.

Testing by nasopharyngeal(NP) swab is within NLCP Standards of Practice. All registrants are accountable to understand their scope and role; Nasopharyngeal swabbing should be performed only if the registrant can do so competently (with knowledge, skill and judgement) and safely. Additional training may be required and registrants should self-identify to their manager if they require additional training.

Delivering medications/vaccinations via needle is not within our College standard.

Feel free to contact the College office if you have additional questions.

This notice and others can be viewed on our website under COVID 19