

## Ministerial Authorization for Performance of COVID-19 Rapid Diagnostic Testing Services

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

AUTHORITY: *Public Health and Safety Act*

SECTION: 4.2

### REASON FOR AUTHORIZATION

To assist in the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared under section 4.3 of the *Public Health and Safety Act* on March 18, 2020.

### AUTHORIZATION:

1. This authorization applies only to COVID testing for diagnostic purposes. Nothing in this authorization precludes Yukon First Nations governments, municipal governments, businesses, organizations or persons from using or providing COVID-19 rapid nasal swab tests for asymptomatic screening purposes, so long as such tests are administered in accordance with Yukon's COVID-19 Screening Guidelines.
2. For greater certainty, organizational screening programs are not diagnostic testing if they are administered in accordance with the Yukon's COVID 19 Screening Guidelines.
3. In this Authorization, a "health profession" means a profession in which a person exercises skill or judgment or provides a service related to (a) the preservation or improvement of the health of individuals, or (b) the treatment or care of individuals who are injured, sick, disabled, or infirm, and, for greater certainty, includes:
  - doctors;
  - nurses;
  - pharmacists;
  - dentists;
  - dental hygienists;
  - dental therapists;
  - emergency medical technicians;
  - first responders, including firefighters;
  - home care providers;
  - physiotherapists;
  - midwives;
  - dieticians;

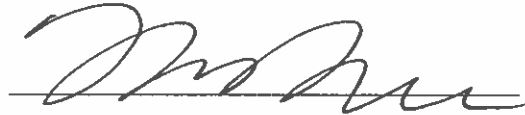
- optometrists;
  - occupational therapists;
  - chiropractors;
  - osteopaths; and
  - massage therapists
4. Individuals who are qualified to practice a health profession anywhere in Canada, or elsewhere in the world, are authorized to support the response to COVID-19 by performing and interpreting rapid antigen and molecular tests for diagnostic purposes throughout Yukon.
  5. Individuals who are qualified to practice veterinary medicine anywhere in Canada or the United States are authorized to support the response to COVID-19 by performing and interpreting rapid antigen and molecular tests for diagnostic purposes throughout Yukon.
  6. Individuals who are retired from practice, but who were qualified to practice a health profession, or to practice veterinary medicine, anywhere in Canada or the United States within the last 10 years, are authorized to support the response to COVID-19 by performing and interpreting rapid antigen and molecular tests for diagnostic purposes throughout Yukon.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUTHORIZATION

1. Prior to being authorized to perform and interpret rapid antigen and molecular tests for diagnostic purposes, individuals must have completed training, passed a test and received a completion certificate.
2. Individuals must be under the supervision of a physician, nurse practitioner or registered nurse with an expanded scope of practice at all times when conducting tests for diagnostic purposes and must report positive and negative results as soon as reasonably possible to Yukon Communicable Disease Control.
3. Positive diagnostic test results may only be communicated to a person by a physician, nurse practitioner or registered nurse with an expanded scope of practice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December <sup>15 m</sup>~~13~~, 2021

EXPIRY DATE: December <sup>30 m</sup>~~28~~, 2021 (unless extended by Order-in-Council)



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Minister of Health and Social Services



Date

This authorization will be posted on the following website: <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/legislation-changes-covid-19>

This authorization will be communicated in writing to Yukon First Nations governments