



Healthcare Provider Webinar
Middlesex and London Region
January 24, 2023

Welcome

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Surveillance Report

As of January 23rd:

- Local data:

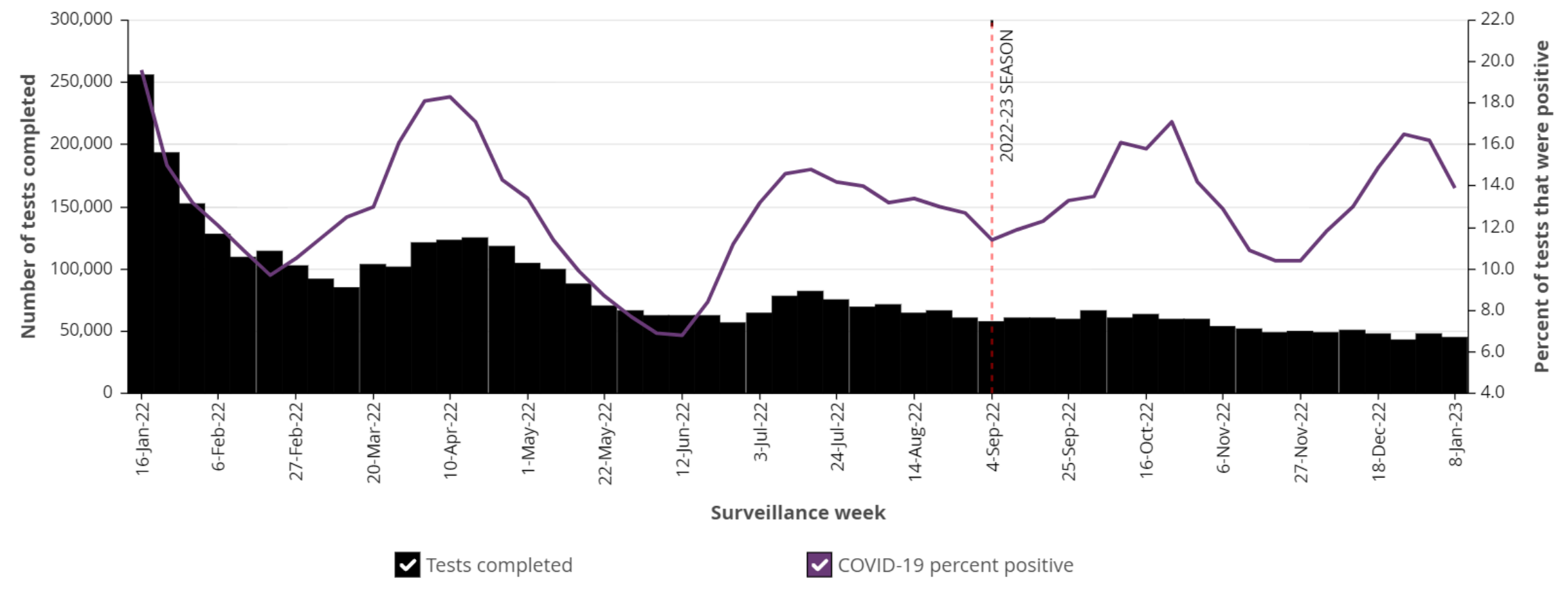
COVID-19 Summary			
<u>Local</u> metrics	Week 3 (Jan 15 - 21, 2023)	Total in 2023	Trend (compared to previous week)
Laboratory-confirmed cases	222	702	Increased
Deaths	2	8	Decreased
Active outbreaks	As of the end of Jan 23, 2023:		Decreased
		13	
Local test positivity	Percent of tests positive: 14.4% Positivity level: Moderate		Increased

Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) *Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution* (CCM), extracted 2023-01-24. Data current as of the end of day 2023-01-23.

2022-2023 Influenza Season Summary

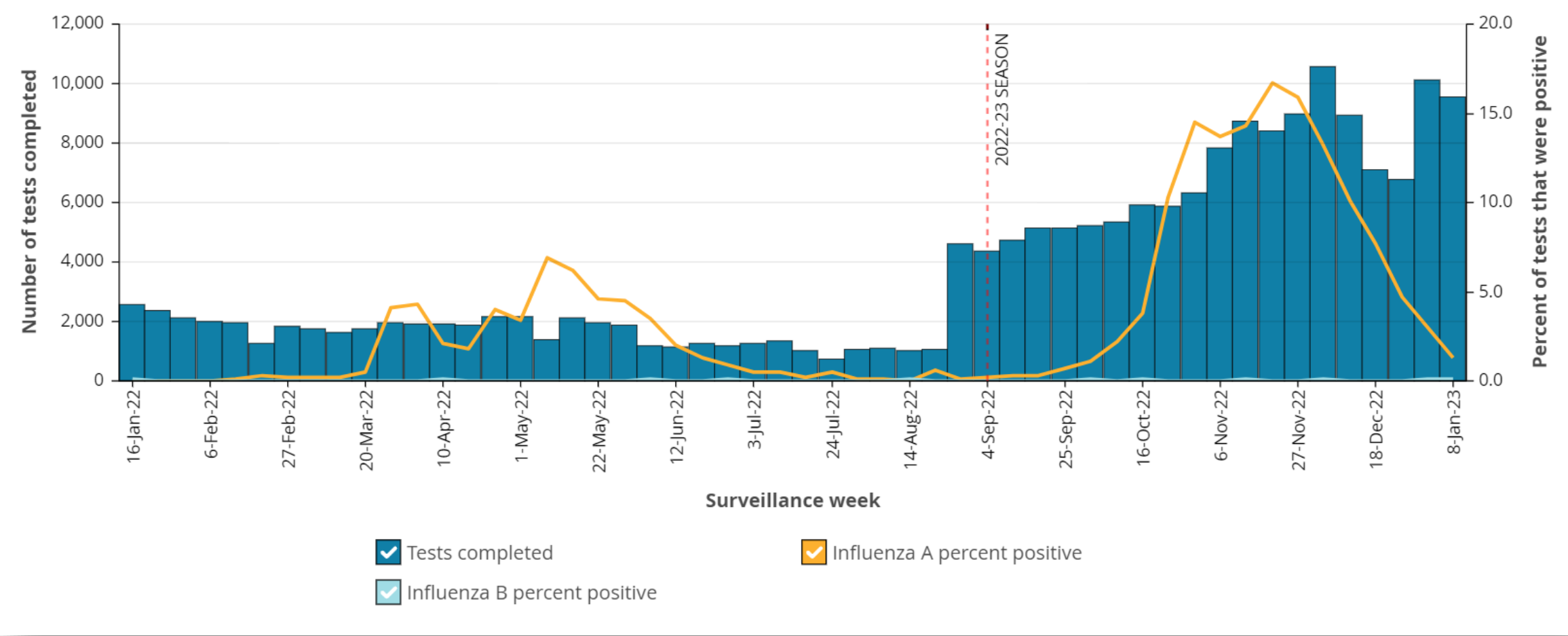
Local metrics	Week 3 (Jan 15 - 21, 2023)	Season to date (Aug 28, 2022 - Jan 21, 2023)	Trend (compared to previous week)
Laboratory-confirmed cases	4	466	Increased
Influenza sub-types	Influenza A: 3 Influenza B: 1	Influenza A: 463 Influenza B: 3	Increased Increased
Deaths	0	7	Same
Active outbreaks	As of the end of Jan 23, 2023:	0	Same
Provincial metrics	Week 2 (Jan 8 - 14, 2023)		
Local influenza activity level	Activity level: Localized		
Provincial test positivity	Percent of tests positive: 1.4% Positivity level: Low		
Provincial weekly indicator change			Lower

Number of COVID-19 tests completed and percent positive by surveillance week January 16, 2022 to January 14, 2023



Data source: Public Health Ontario- *Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool*, extracted 2023-01-24. Data current as of the end of day 2023-01-14. <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Infectious-Disease/COVID-19-Data-Surveillance/COVID-19-Data-Tool?tab=overview>

Number of influenza tests performed and percent positive by surveillance week January 16, 2022 to January 14, 2023



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Paxlovid Review

- Paxlovid is an oral antiviral medication that can decrease the risk of hospitalization or death for those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19
- Must be administered within five days of symptom onset
- Paxlovid should be strongly considered for individuals who have a **confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis** (PCR, molecular, RAT [*can be self administered*]), present **within 5 days of symptom onset**, and meet **ONE** or more of the following:
 - 60 years +;
 - 18 years + and immunocompromised;
 - 18-59 years and at higher risk of severe COVID-19
 - Those who have one or more comorbidity that puts them at higher risk *OR*
 - Those with inadequate immunity
 - Unvaccinated or incomplete primary series *OR*
 - Completed primary series and last dose was more than 6 months ago, and last COVID infection was more than 6 months ago

Paxlovid Review

- Individuals who are at higher risk of poor outcomes from COVID-19 based on social determinants of health should be **considered priority populations for accessing Paxlovid:**
 - Indigenous people, Black people, and other members of racialized communities
 - Individuals with intellectual, developmental, or cognitive disability
 - People who use substances regularly (e.g. alcohol)
 - People who live with mental health conditions
 - People who are underhoused

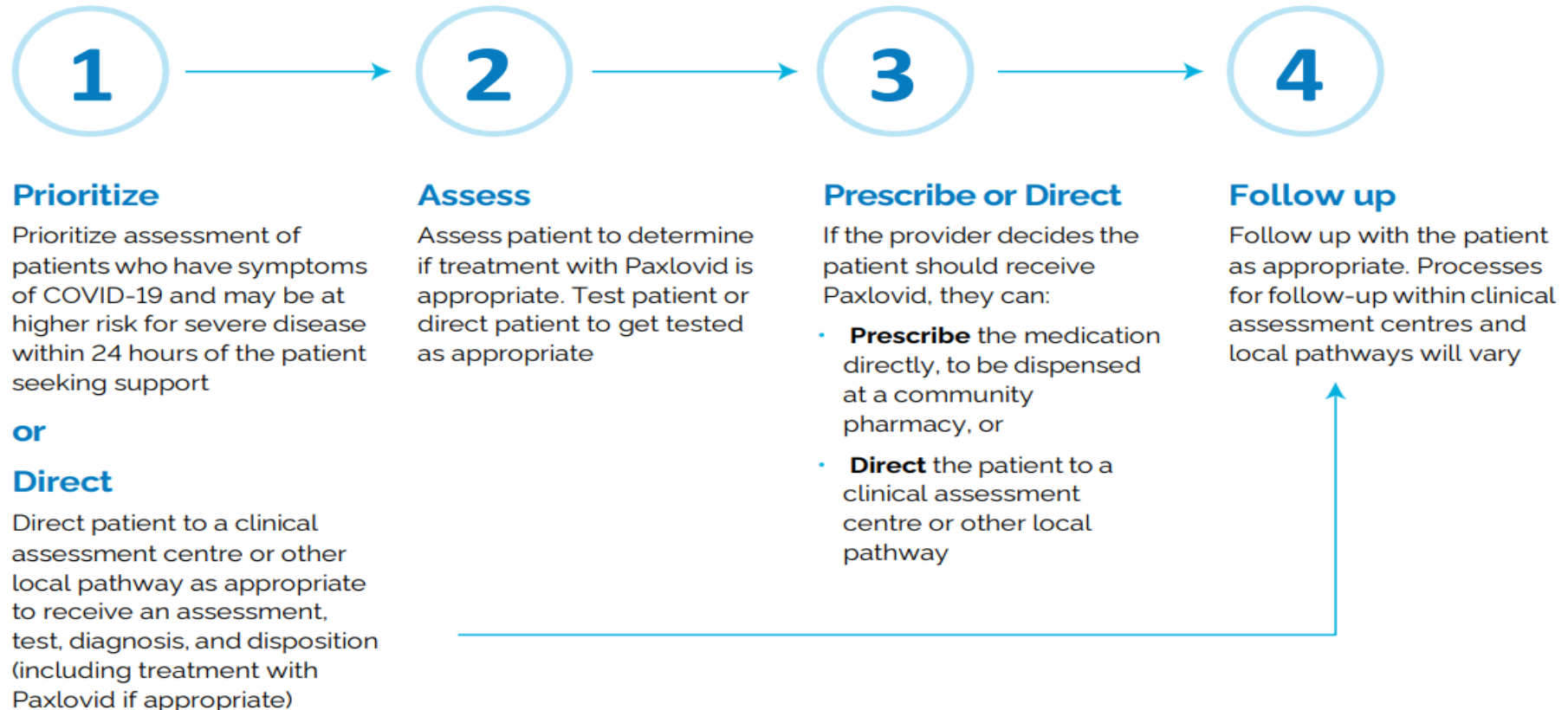
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Pathway for access to treatment

Many patients who develop symptoms of COVID-19 will reach out to trusted health care providers to ask whether they are eligible for treatment. Health care providers have an important role in assessing and prescribing Paxlovid to these patients, or directing them into the appropriate pathway if they are unable to assess the patient in a timely manner.

The pathway below outlines steps for providers when potentially eligible patients ask about treatment. This pathway may change in the future as access is expanded to other channels. Guidance will be revised as information becomes available.



Important resources for Paxlovid

- **Prescription form:** <https://covidtestinglm.ca/for-providers/>
- **COVID-19 Clinical Assessment Centre Paxlovid Referral form:** <https://covidtestinglm.ca/for-providers/>
 - If you are unable to test the patient, you can complete this referral form, fax it to the COVID, Cold and Flu Care Clinic, and book an appointment (phone/weblink) for the patient to be tested. If you are unable to test for COVID-19 or need bloodwork drawn, please use this form and fax it to [519-685-8215](tel:519-685-8215).
- **COVID, Cold and Flu Care Clinic contact information:** 519-685-8500 extension 75503.
- **COVID-19 Antiviral Treatment Screener:** <https://www.ontario.ca/covid-treatment-screener>
- **Ontario Health Access to COVID-19 antiviral treatment (Paxlovid) Information for PCP and HCPs:**
<https://www.ontariohealth.ca/sites/ontariohealth/files/2022-04/Guidance%20for%20health%20care%20providers%20-%20Access%20to%20Paxlovid%20-%20EN.pdf>

ISPA suspension dates

- Suspension letters continue to be sent to families whose records are not up to date under the *Immunization of Schools Pupils Act* (ISPA). As the healthcare providers of many of these students, this may lead to an increase in questions, requests for records, and/or requests for immunizations.
- Elementary and Secondary schools across Middlesex-London region have been assigned to **one of six suspension** deadlines. To help you plan, the following dates are the suspension deadlines:
 - January 18th
 - February 15th
 - March 1st
 - March 22nd
 - April 19th
 - May 10th
- Please remind families to report any vaccines that they receive in your office to the Health Unit. If you need any additional **ICON tear-off pads** to assist families with reporting, they can be added to your next vaccine order.

Special presentation on MLHU's Nurse Family Partnership program on February 7th

- Please join us on **Tuesday, February 7th** during our regularly scheduled Healthcare Provider webinar to learn more about this program and to have your questions answered.
- **Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program** is a free, evidence-based home visiting program where public health nurses visit young, first-time parents during their pregnancy and the first two years of their child's life.
- **Eligibility:**
 - 24 years old or younger
 - Pregnant with their first child and/or first-time parenting
 - 28 weeks gestation or less
 - Experiencing financial hardship or limited resources
 - Living in the London and Middlesex County area
- Our goal is to start working with women early in their pregnancy, ideally **before 16 weeks gestation**. The earlier we receive the referral, the better.

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- To refer a patient, complete the professional referral form found on our website (*link in eNewsletter*).
- Patients can also **self-refer** by calling MLHU at 519-663-5317 and ask to speak with a public health nurse about the NFP program
- To learn more about NFP, please visit our website or call us at **519-663-5317**



Nurse-Family Partnership
Helping First-Time Parents Succeed

Pregnant with your first baby?

A lot's gonna change
You've got this!

Contact us
to learn more and
get connected
with a nurse

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Centre for Addiction and Mental Health & Ontario HIV Treatment Network survey on medical cannabis for healthcare providers

- In this 10-minute online survey (*link in eNewsletter*), CAMH and OHTN are surveying healthcare providers (physicians, residents, nurses, and pharmacists) in Canada to learn about:
 - Medical cannabis perspectives
 - Experiences prescribing cannabis
 - Medical cannabis support & training needs
 - Cannabis legalization impacts
 - COVID-19 pandemic impacts
- For questions, please contact Jessica Wiese at Jessica.Wiese@camh.ca (416-535-8501 extension 36786).



RESEARCH STUDY
Are you a health care provider in Canada interested in participating in a medical cannabis survey?

We are inviting health care providers to complete a 10-minute online survey

We want to learn about:

- medical cannabis perspectives
- experiences prescribing cannabis
- medical cannabis support & training needs
- cannabis legalization impacts
- COVID-19 pandemic impacts



Eligibility

- Physician, Resident, Nurse or Pharmacist
- Comfortable completing an online survey in English

Contact

Jessica.Wiese@camh.ca
416-535-8501 x36786

The security of information sent by e-mail cannot be guaranteed. Please do not communicate personal sensitive information by e-mail.

Learn more

To access the consent form and complete the survey, please visit the link below

<https://edc.camhx.ca/redcap/surveys/?s=KATLL478TNJYTPRR>

For information about programs and services at CAMH, please visit www.camh.ca or call 416-535-8501 (or 1-800-463-6273)

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Questions?

- Ask using chat function now, or after the webinar at:
healthcareproviders@mlhu.on.ca
- For urgent matters please call the Health Unit's
main line at **519-663-5317**
- For more information
www.healthunit.com/healthcare-providers

