

## In-Home Specimen Collection & Assessment for COVID-19

Key Role by Program	Key Activities to Support Implementation
<b>811</b>	
Perform screening assessment, determine need for in-home specimen collection and make referral to Continuing Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Require screening criteria to determine who is appropriate for in-home specimen collection</li> <li>- Incorporate screening criteria &amp; referral process into 811 system</li> <li>- Staff will need training on screening questions</li> <li>- Staff will need training on completing Continuing Care Referral Form and process for sending referrals</li> </ul>
<b>Continuing Care Intake &amp; Care Coordination</b>	
Process referral from 811 and send referral to community nursing agency (VON or NSHA nursing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Require change to SEAscape codes to enter referral for in-home COVID specimen collection</li> <li>- Require lab requisition to send with referral to community nursing</li> </ul>
<b>Community Nursing</b>	
Schedule visit, assess for red flags, collect specimen, and transport specimen to local lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requires protocol for assessing red flags, specimen collection in the home, and transportation of specimen (need to align with current PAC protocols as appropriate)</li> <li>- Require equipment &amp; supplies for specimen collection, red flag assessment, and transportation of specimens</li> <li>- Requires certification for transportation of dangerous good</li> <li>- Requires process for cleaning equipment between visits</li> <li>- Requires access to appropriate PPE</li> <li>- Requires protocol for disposal of PPE and contaminated supplies.</li> <li>- Requires education for nurses on client and family communication (key messages and/or hand-outs) pre and post visit.</li> <li>- Requires listing of specimen drop-off locations and hours of operation.</li> </ul>

Work is underway on all the key activities – with the exception of those activities involving 811.

Next Steps: Meeting with 811 team to understand their requirements to operationalize.

Working towards deadline to implement starting April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **GAPS**

- Process for immunocompromised individuals
- Who is responsible for obtaining a lab requisition
- Labelling of specimens?
- Approval from DHW for additional funding to support the delivery of this service for community nursing

