



# Residential Withdrawal Management Service (RWMS) Admission COVID-19 Point of Care (POC) Testing for Clients – Medical Directive

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## Authorizing Prescriber(s)

Addictions Medicine Physician(s)

## Authorized to Whom

Nurses working in Residential Withdrawal Management Service (RWMS) who have the knowledge, skill, judgement, and appropriate training to perform a COVID-19 Point of Care (POC) Test

## Patient Description/Population

Any client, aged 16 years or older, with planned admission to RWMS and/or clients who are being tested at RWMS for admission to Women's Residential Treatment Program (WRTP)

## Order and/or Procedure

These orders are not presented in sequential order; any one of or combination of the procedures may be performed by the nurse

## Indications to the Implementation of the Directive

The authorized implementer will:

- Collect COVID-19 test swab the day of the planned admission
- Run COVID-19 POC test as per device instructions as well as training received through LH
- Enter the COVID-19 test and result into the electronic system
- Run COVID-19 quality control tests as per device instruction as well as training received through LH

## Indications to the Implementation of the Directive

Any client, aged 16 years or older, requiring admission to RWMS and/or WRTP

## Contraindications to the Implementation of the Directive

This medical directive must not be implemented in the following circumstances:

- Client or Substitute Decision Maker (SDM) refuses to consent to the procedure(s)
- Client is less than 16 years old

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- Client has facial anomaly or facial trauma that interferes with swabbing

### **Consent**

- The nurse implementing this medical directive must obtain consent
- If the client/SDM refuses to consent, or is unable to provide consent, contact the authorizing prescriber to determine the plan of care

### **Documentation Requirements**

In addition to standard documentation practices, the nurse implementing this medical directive must document the following in the order section of the client's health record:

- The procedure performed on the client
- The name of the medical directive
- The name of the implementer
- Legible signature of implementer, including credentials (unless documenting electronically)
- Date and time (unless documenting electronically)

### **Review/Evaluation Process**

Mental Health Program Council will review this document every two years