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**To: SCO Membership**

**From: Arlene Miller, Vice-President SCO, NIRO Representative**

**Date: June 23, 2021**

**Re: Recommendations for Public Health Measures**

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With the upcoming move into Step 3 of the Reopening Plan on July 11, the College would like to take this moment to remind its members that we are still regulated by the Ministry of Health, and we still have a mandate to follow in the protection of the public. Many of the regulated professionals of our province will continue to follow safety directives like disinfection protocols, mask-wearing and other PPE use when in direct contact with the public, maintaining social distancing and self-isolation, in the effort to continue the fight against Covid-19 and its many variants.

Although we cannot mandate any strict protocols, we **recommend** the continued use of PPE and masking while in direct contact with the public, such as when doing adjustments or measurements in an effort to continue providing safe and effective care and service to the public.

Below is the latest announcement by the SHA regarding their continued efforts in safety procedures and directives, which all regulated health professionals should consider continuing.

## [|COVID-19| What happens in SHA on July 11?](#)

As the Government of Saskatchewan moves into recovery for COVID-19, and the province enters Step Three of Saskatchewan's Re-Opening Roadmap on July 11 by removing all remaining public health restrictions, including masking, many of you are wondering what this means for Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) procedures and directives.

It is paramount that some procedures and guidelines remain in place in SHA facilities to reduce the risk of variants of concern (VOC) and further waves of COVID-19 to patients, residents and health care providers. For healthcare, it is not business as usual, and so safety directives, such as masking and use of personal protective equipment, will remain in place in SHA facilities and long-term care homes until the risks of COVID-19 are effectively controlled.

As we continue to care for COVID-19 patients and those with health care needs arising from COVID-19, we must remain vigilant against COVID-19, continue the delivery of our COVID-19 immunization program and continue with our Test to Protect strategy. We strongly encourage all healthcare providers and members of the public to visit our testing centres and participate in our community antigen testing program.

While the Public Health Order will soon be lifted in the community, our provincial health system will continue adhering to many COVID-19 related infection prevention and control policies and procedures. The SHA will monitor the situation as it relates to VOC and transmission, reassessing and adjusting as required as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. Changes to procedures will be communicated as these arise.

We must continue our fight against COVID-19 and protect our most vulnerable. Together, we will overcome the challenges of this pandemic and keep our communities, facilities and loved ones safe.