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To: All physicians, Directors, Managers, Nurse Practitioners and Educators
From: Dr. Tony Chetty, Head of Clinical Chemistry and Immunology

Public Health Ontario is now offering COVID Serology IgG testing in a very limited capacity (please see attached PHO document). The Ministry of Health has decided on a staggered approach to testing within the province and we anticipate that our laboratory will be licensed shortly.

Present Indications:

COVID-19 serology may be considered for clinical use as an adjunct to COVID-19 PCR testing only in:

Pediatric patients suspected to have multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) with a negative, indeterminate, or inconclusive PCR test result or who were not tested. **This test does not require prior approval.**

Other clinical scenarios of severe illness with negative PCR tests where serology results may be helpful for action and decision making may be considered and require consultation and **approval by a PHO microbiologist prior to collection. The microbiologist can be contacted through the PHO Laboratory Customer Service Centre.**

Importantly the requisition form has to be downloaded from the PHO website and completely filled out by the ordering physician. A copy will be linked to the LTIG website.

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