



SARS Provincial Operations Centre

May 13, 2003

ADVICE TO ALL FACILITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE GREATER TORONTO AREA

The directives dated May 13, 2003 reflect a significant point in the management of the SARS outbreak. The focus has moved from the emergency phase to the recovery phase and the new directives reflect the movement towards a “new normal”. However, for health care facilities and service providers in the Greater Toronto Area, there may be a need to provide a further intermediary step. For the reassurance of staff, patients and visitors you may wish to consider the following:

1. Screening of staff, patients and visitors to continue for 10 days after the discharge of or contact with the last SARS patient.
2. Screening of staff, patients and visitors at the conclusion of the 10 days to then move to the standards outlined in the May 13, 2003 directives.

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