



SARS Provincial Operations Centre

Directive CC03-02
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DIRECTIVES TO ALL ONTARIO COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS CENTRES MANAGEMENT OF CLIENTS RECOVERING FROM SARS AND RECEIVING IN-HOME SERVICE

This directive refers also to Directive 03-03, dated April 11, 2003 “Discharge of SARS Patients (including Probable and Suspect Cases) regarding appropriate discharge disposition.

In order to contain the spread of SARS, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care advises that all Ontario hospitals and CCACs must undertake the following procedures **effective immediately**:

1. For patients recovering from SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) in hospital for whom community services are required, discharge planning must involve the hospital medical staff, public health and the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) Case Manager.
2. Recovering patients should remain in isolation in the home for a total of 10 days after the resolution of fever (without antipyretic medication) with resolving (or resolved) cough.
3. The hospital will provide the patients with:
 - a. Isolation instructions and supplies including:
 - i. 48 hour supply of surgical masks
 - ii. thermometer or disposable thermometers
 - b. Daily surveillance instructions including:
 - i. daily symptom screen
 - ii. daily compliance assessment
 - iii. monitoring of household members for symptoms of SARS
 - c. Contact information for Public Health.

4. The attending clinician and Public Health should determine continuation of isolation beyond the 10-day period.
5. CCACs staff and service provider staff will use full protective precautions (N95 mask or equivalent, gloves, gowns and eyewear) when providing services to a recovering SARS patient on home isolation until the period of home isolation has been lifted by public health officials.
6. Hospitals will consult with Public Health if there is a concern about the suitability of the home to which the patient is to be discharged. Please see the document “Public Health Management of SARS Cases and Contacts” from the Health Canada website at www.hc-sc.gc.ca

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