MODULE 3: COVID-19 AND INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
FOR SELF-ASSESSMENT & REVIEW WITH COACH & MANAGER

1. Describe how population approaches are used to control infectious diseases, including COVID-19.
2. Describe how the evolving evidence, since the onset of COVID-19, has informed public health measures and practice.
3. Utilize Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) principles for community settings such as schools and workplaces in the context of COVID-19 and related public health measures.
4. Outline how public health actions impact the transmission of infection.
5. Describe the importance of utilizing consistent prepared messages when educating within a school community.
6. Utilize consistent prepared messaging when educating within a school community.
7. Explain how the local work in schools related to control of COVID-19 is supported by evidence within guidance documents.
8. Outline ways to help schools identify and isolate COVID-19 cases, reduce the spread of COVID-19 in schools, and prevent and minimize outbreaks.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
FOR SELF-REFLECTION & GROUP DISCUSSION

GENERAL

What were the key concepts from this module?

What impact would they have on your role as a school nurse?

How do you see yourself using them in your role, in particular as it relates to the broader school health role and in more specific COVID-19 activities?

MODULE 3 SPECIFIC

What might be some challenging messages to communicate with a school community, and how you would go about it?

How might you navigate the situation in which you are required to implement public health measures (e.g., excluding a student/staff from school)?

What would you do if a community or health care partner is giving information to the school that conflicts with the information you are providing?

PRIORITY RESOURCES:
COMPLETE REVIEW WITHIN FIRST TWO WEEKS

1. COVID-19 Guidance: School Outbreak Management

2. Operational Guidance: COVID-19 Management in Schools

3. Public Health Ontario Coronavirus Disease 2019
   - Skim this to navigate the unique challenges for COVID-19 stakeholders

4. Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool
   - Familiarize yourself with local surveillance data

5. COVID-19 Guidance for the Health Sector
   - Familiarize yourself and know where to access this when needed

6. What is Known About COVID-19 and Children

7. Routes of Transmission

8. Government of Ontario Guide to Re-Opening Schools

9. Public Health Ontario COVID-19 IPAC Fundamentals Training

10. Public Health Ontario: Infection Prevention & Control (IPAC)
    - The following online learning modules are suggested, although modules can be selected based on learner need &/or local health unit direction:
       - IPAC Core Competencies: Chain of Transmission and Risk Assessment
       - IPAC Core Competencies: Additional Precautions
       - IPAC Core Competencies: Health Care Provider Controls

11. EOH Fundamentals: Risk Communication

12. Local Public Health Unit guidance on case & contact management

13. Local Public Health Unit guidance for the community (e.g., testing sites)

14. Public Health Ontario Environmental Cleaning Fact Sheet

ESSENTIAL RESOURCES:
COMPLETE REVIEW WITHIN FIRST MONTH

1. RNAO COVID-19 Portal

2. Ontario COVID-19 website

3. Management of Cases & Contacts of COVID-19 (June 23, 2020, or as current)

4. Case Definition for Coronavirus

5. IPAC Recommendations for Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19

6. World Health Organization Risk Communication

7. Community Health Nurses of Canada Standards of Practice
   - Standard 4: Professional Relationships
   - Standard 7: Evidence-Informed Practice

8. Johns Hopkins University COVID-19 Contact Tracing Online Course
   - Learner to confirm need for this course based on local school nursing role

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:
FOR LEARNING AND REFERENCE

1. Health Canada: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

2. Reporting Guidance and Expectations
   - COVID-19 IPHiS Data Entry Guide *and* CCM Data Entry Guide

3. Various reference materials:
   - Seasonal influenza
   - Routine Immunization
   - FluWatch Reports

PLEASE COMPLETE MODULE 3 EVALUATION