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For Health Care Professionals



New PHO General Test Requisition Form

As of September 11, 2023, PHO has updated its **General Test Requisition Form** in an effort to improve data quality and enhance sample processing and turnaround times. Please discard all copies of the old versions and use the updated version moving forward. You can access the updated version at: www.publichealthontario.ca/requisitions. Use of the older versions past January 1, 2024 may result in test delays or cancellations.

What's new?

- The Ordering Health Care Provider section has been reformatted to better capture contact information for the submitter, as well as contacts to be copied (i.e., laboratory, public health unit, other authorize healthcare provider)
- Selection options for the following sections of the form have been updated:
 - Patient Setting
 - Testing Indications (previously called Reason for Test)
 - Signs and Symptoms (previously called Clinical Information),
 - Specimen Information (previously called Specimen Type and Site)
 - Test(s) Requested
- New sections and information added:
 - A new Relevant Exposure section to capture exposure information, including occupational exposure/needlestick injury
 - A new Relevant Travel section that captures travel details, including date of return travel (previously under Clinical Information)
 - Hepatitis testing options have been updated in the Test(s) Requested section to include pre-chemotherapy screening and a list of the markers tested

How do I fill out the updated form?

The updated form now includes detailed instructions for filling out the form on page two. All sections of the form must be completed by authorized health care providers for each specimen submitted, or testing may be delayed or cancelled.

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If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



How do I know what form to use to request a test?

PHO has a [Laboratory Test Information Index](http://www.publichealthontario.ca/testdirectory) (www.publichealthontario.ca/testdirectory) which includes detailed specific testing information. The specific test information page will tell you which requisition is required.

Most laboratory tests can be ordered using the General Test Requisition form. For HIV, respiratory viruses, cultured isolates, or environmental samples, please use the dedicated requisitions available at www.publichealthontario.ca/requisitions.

If you have any questions about the updated form, please contact customerservicecentre@oahpp.ca.

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