

1. Secondary/Hospital Services and Covid-Testing

There have been concerns raised by General Practice that hospital teams are not consistently offering COVID-19 testing for all patients that have respiratory symptoms. DHBs are now advising that this is being offered to all. Could you please let us know if you come across symptomatic patients where this is not the case so that this information can be forwarded to the NRHCC (Covid response Team at DHB). Please include (PASSWORD PROTECTED please):

- Patient's NHI number
- Symptoms at the time
- Date of visit
- Hospital/department visited

Please email this information to Charlotte@aucklandpho.co.nz

2. PPE Supply and Use

Please contact Suzie at Auckland PHO (suzie@aucklandpho.co.nz) if you are having difficulty with PPE ordering through Onelink.

Interim PPE guidance for Auckland Region (Auckland Regional HealthPathways).

PHOs encourage medical mask use for patients and clinicians for all clinical interactions, in addition to current Ministry of Health [Alert Level 1 PPE Guidance](#).

3. Telehealth Webinar: Back to Basics

Moderated by Ruth Large, this is the first telehealth webinar of the year and aims to refresh your knowledge and reinforce the basics of telehealth.

The webinar will be an opportunity to hear about experiences from a line-up of panellists from different health sector backgrounds and support those who are new to telehealth or would like to revisit core information.

Build on and strengthen your knowledge and skills, so you will feel confident to successfully integrate telehealth practices now and into the future.

Date: Thursday 11 February

Time: 7 - 8pm

PANELLISTS

- **Dr Yariv Doron** - Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, CAMHS ICT Clinical Advisor, Taranaki DHB
- **Dr Sam Murton** - President, Royal NZ College of General Practitioners
- **Faustin Roman** - Chief Information Officer, PatientsFirst
- **Andrew Panckhurst** - Communications Manager, Mobile Health and NZ Telehealth Forum & Resource Centre
- **Dr Curtis Walker** - Chair of Medical Council New Zealand

Registrations required, please use the following link telehealth.org.nz/backtobasics

4. COVID-19 Testing Status Report Primary Care Metro Auckland

Please see attachment (1).