

MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Services Boards

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SUBJECT: Omicron Variant of COVID-19 and New Testing and
Updated Isolation Guidance

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In response to the rapidly spreading and highly transmissible Omicron variant, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, updated its COVID-19 testing and isolation guidelines. This new guidance can be found [here](#).

A key change to highlight is based on the latest scientific evidence, individuals with COVID-19 should isolate for five days if they are fully vaccinated or under the age of 12, and if their symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours.

Police services board and chiefs of police should review this guidance to consider how it applies to your workforce strategies.

In addition, the Ministry of Health is expected to issue guidance on testing which will consider sector prioritizations.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to keeping our communities safe.

Sincerely,



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