

COVID@Home: Oxygen Saturation Monitors

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The COVID-19 pandemic has led to unexpected surges in demand on the provincial healthcare system, and healthcare settings across the province face patient capacity constraints, potentially affecting care for all patients. In an effort to ease these constraints on the healthcare system, Ontario Health is providing tools and resources for COVID@Home to help primary care providers who wish to remotely monitor people in the community who have mild to moderate COVID-19.

As part of the COVID@Home initiative, the Ministry of Health has procured a stockpile of oxygen saturation monitors to be distributed to primary care professionals and teams who wish to provide enhanced monitoring of their COVID-19 positive patients at home.

As needed, primary care providers can supply their COVID-19 patients with the monitors to self-monitor their oxygen levels while they remain COVID-19 positive. Once a patient is no longer in need of the monitor, they would send it back to their primary care provider to be quarantined and sanitized. For further guidance on the implementation of this initiative at a site level, please refer to the Ontario Health resource toolkit: **COVID@Home Monitoring for Primary Care** ([here](#)), which includes clinical pathways as well as instructions for the use and proper handling in collecting and disinfecting the monitors for use by the next patient.

The oxygen saturation monitors are now available to be ordered by primary care physician offices and interprofessional primary care team offices through the provincial pandemic stockpile. Please note that the monitors can only be ordered once per primary care setting and that the Ministry of Health will only ship the monitors to primary care offices who will be responsible for distributing the monitors to their patients.

To request oxygen saturation monitors for the COVID@Home initiative, please use the following link to complete the **Oxygen Saturation Monitor Eligibility and Intake Form** – [link to Intake Form here](#). Requests will then be reviewed for eligibility purposes by Ontario Health, prior to fulfilling requests. Please note that the Ministry of Health reserves the right to limit quantities as needed.

Below are some regional contacts you can reach out to should you have any questions about the clinical pathway.

Key Contacts:

1. For questions on the clinical pathways for primary care providers delivering COVID@Home, please reach out to Dr. Dee Mangin: mangind@mcmaster.ca
2. For questions on clinical pathways for COVID home monitoring, please reach out to the relevant OH VP Clinical Lead:
 - West: Dr. Jennifer Everson - Jennifer.Everson@ontariohealth.ca
 - Central: Dr. Mira Backo-Shannon- Mira.Backo-Shannon@ontariohealth.ca
 - Toronto: Vacant - (please reach out to Dr. David Kaplan david.kaplan@ontariohealth.ca)
 - East: Dr. David Zelt - David.Zelt@ontariohealth.ca
 - North: Dr. Paul Preston - Paul.Preston@ontariohealth.ca
3. For questions around existing Remote Care Monitoring Programs (COVID-related or other) in different OH regions please reach out to **Regional Digital Leads**:
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 - North Region: David Newman David.Newman@ontariohealth.ca
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