

Advice for AHS Midwifery Staff

Providing Clinical Services at Multiple Sites

Many Registered Midwives are required to provide primary care across multiple sites (including hospitals and community settings - midwifery community practice and client homes) in the course of their day, by virtue of how midwifery services are provided. For these reasons, Registered Midwives are not currently required to restrict their activities to a single site.

No Registered Midwife should be providing care to patients/ clients if they have any new symptoms that may be consistent with an infectious disease.

However, all Registered Midwives working at multiple sites are asked to observe the following measures:

- *Acute Care Setting* – May work at more than one acute care site in a day when required, either as a primary midwife or a second birth attendant for hospital births. To optimize workforce availability and support social distancing, Registered Midwives and Practices should configure scheduling and service provision within your practice to minimise cross-site work where possible.
- *Registered Midwives who work across acute and community sectors* – May provide service in multiple areas (hospital, midwifery community practices, client's home) in a day. Registered Midwives and Practices should configure scheduling and service provision within your practice to minimise cross-site work where possible.
- Registered Midwives who provide direct primary care (prenatal, intrapartum, postpartum) in clients homes are to ensure AHS guidelines for PPE in Health Care Settings are followed.
- Registered Midwives continue to provide virtual care when appropriate.
- If a Registered Midwife is determined to have been exposed to a case of COVID-19 while not wearing appropriate PPE, they are legally required to be under 14-day quarantine and should not be at work in any environment.

If a Registered Midwife is symptomatic as per www.ahs.ca/COVID they should immediately self-isolate and complete the online screening tool available at www.ahs.ca/COVID. If tested, they should follow instructions at www.ahs.ca/results and within the [AHS Return to Work Guide](#).