This tool is designed to support the Contracted Provider staff, Primary Providers and AHS staff when oxygen requirements increase for the suspected or positive COVID client in Continuing Care.

Client’s SpO2 below 90% or below 88% for clients with COPD
*please follow SpO2 target range if prescribed

Obtain order for oxygen from Primary Provider with a SpO2 target range, if client does not have one

Is the SpO2 within the target range?

For new oxygen clients:
- Increase oxygen by 1 Lpm, up to 3 Lpm

For existing oxygen clients:
- Increase oxygen by no more than 3 Lpm

Leave on O2 flow rate and move to weaning when appropriate

If SpO2 is not within the target range:
- Contact Primary Provider if target range is not able to be reached.
- Continue to increase oxygen to reach target range

Review/ discuss GOC

Is client requiring more than 3 Lpm O2 from baseline within a 12 h time period?

- Contact Primary Provider and consider transfer to acute care
- Refer to Continuing Care Pandemic Operational Guide (COVID-19) for directions on sending a COVID client to acute care

Monitoring frequency should be determined based on clinical presentation
- SpO2 monitoring should minimally occur every 2-4 hours or per site policy until client returns to baseline.
- *As staffing resources allow

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