

# Memorandum

To: Health Care Providers

From: Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health

Date: December 8, 2021

Re: Changes to Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Conditions Regulations & Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Reporting

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## Changes to Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Conditions Regulations

Please find attached an updated “It’s the Law” poster which reflects recent changes to the Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Conditions Regulations under the *Health Protection Act*.

The following change is effective as of November 9th, 2021:

- SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) is added to the list as a reportable disease.

Please share this information with your partners and replace any existing “It’s the Law” posters with this copy. Health care providers are obligated to report notifiable diseases and conditions to Public Health.

The updated “It’s the Law” poster can also be downloaded (French and English versions) from the following websites:

[https://novascotia.ca/dhw/cdpc/documents/06061\\_ItsTheLawPoster\\_Fr.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/dhw/cdpc/documents/06061_ItsTheLawPoster_Fr.pdf)  
[https://novascotia.ca/dhw/cdpc/documents/06026\\_ItsTheLawPoster\\_En.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/dhw/cdpc/documents/06026_ItsTheLawPoster_En.pdf)

## Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a rare condition associated with COVID-19, which is also notifiable to Public Health. MIS-C is a post-infectious illness, occurring between two to six weeks following SARS CoV-2 infection. MIS-C is a rare complication of COVID-19 which should be promptly reported to Public Health.

The case definition for SARS-CoV-2 can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/healthprofessionals/national-case-definition.html#na>, and MIS-C can be found at <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/populationhealth/surveillanceguidelines/MIS-C.pdf>

Contact your local Public Health office if you have questions.