



# Lab readiness post COVID-19

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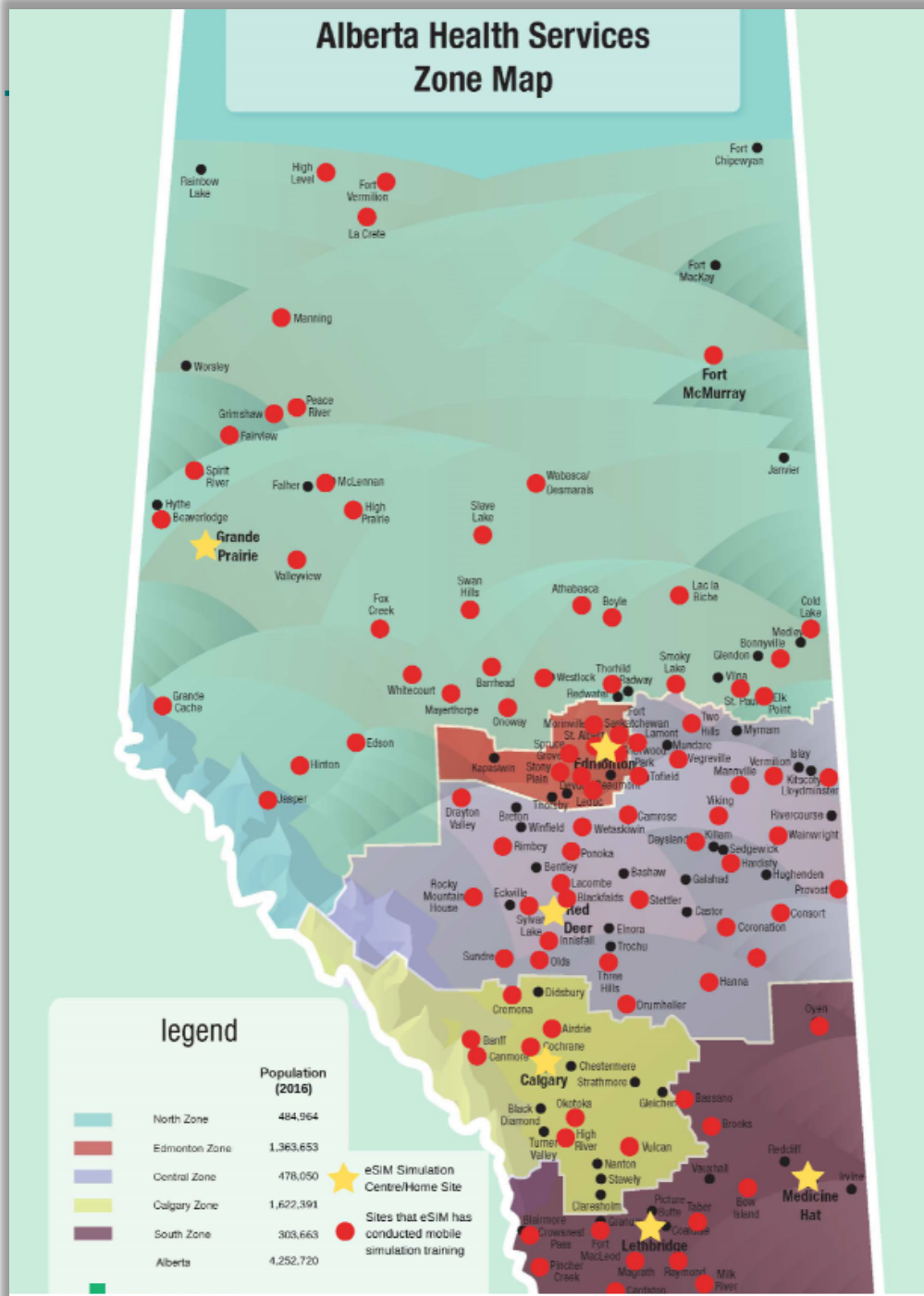


# Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

This is Treaty 7 and Métis Region 3 territory, a traditional meeting place and home for many Indigenous peoples, including the Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, Tsuu'tina and Métis



# Alberta Health Services Zone Map





# COVID-19 Response





# Guiding Principles

Safety  
Operational Documents  
Health Authority  
Defined space  
IPC Advisors  
Standardization



# Key Elements of Change

Cleaning Practices  
COVID Precautions  
Food, Beverages  
Minimizing Clutter  
Supply and Inventory



# End User Communication



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## OPERATIONAL EXPECTATION

### Title

Infection Control Practices for Simulation

### Accountable Leader

eSIM Medical Director



*NOTE: The first appearance of terms in bold (except titles) are defined terms – see Definitions section.*

### Objectives

To address the general usage for all eSIM spaces and equipment in the management of risk pertaining to infectious disease on an ongoing basis or during illness outbreak. It is essential that anyone entering the eSIM space follow these expectations.

### Applicability

This document applies to all staff and users of the eSIM space and is to be used in addition to current and applicable AHS policy, procedure or recommendation.

### Elements

#### 1. General

- a. Manikins, task trainers and equipment will be cleaned in order to prevent any transmission of pathogens. Simulation training remains a very hands on skill based learning environment
- b. Hand hygiene will occur prior to engaging in the simulation, following your session and after the consumption of food. Handwashing may be with soap and water, or use of an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- c. Gloves and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – should be worn where required as per clinical practice during a simulation
- d. Donning of appropriate PPE, restriction of numbers of participants per eSIM space and physical distancing practices may be required and should be followed by all participants and facilitators according to most current AHS recommendations.
- e. Participant Health
  - a. Individuals exhibiting symptoms typical of flu, cold or been in close contact with someone who has been exposed to an infectious disease must follow AHS recommendations of not being in the workplace.
  - b. Participants will exhibit good respiratory hygiene practices (i.e. access to hand washing facilities, disposal of tissues and the use of alcohol rubs)
  - c. Participants should not actively participate in training sessions if they have dermatologic lesions on the hands or the participant has reason to believe that they may have been exposed to an infectious disease.

# Consultant Communication

### eSIM Back to Business Plan for Simulation Spaces: Consultant Resource

- Declutter, spring clean of all supplies
- Wipe down all surfaces and manikins
- Minimize linens on manikin: gown, top sheet, bottom sheet, soaker or slider for moving (instructing teams to change linens when visibly soiled)
- Laminate or add wipe-able plastic sheet covers to all paper signage and communication posted around the lab
- Add hand sanitizer to all areas where required (entrance, classrooms, labs, control rooms)
- Ensure enough garbage bins
- Ensure a clearly labelled location for required cleaning supplies, or in each room (lab, classrooms, control rooms)
- Post signage and OE (see below)
- Regular cleaning schedule—*frequency to be determined*
  - High touch surfaces
  - Computers/keyboards
  - Tabletops, cart tops/fronts/handles
  - Sweep areas/rooms for clutter
  - Stock extra linens
  - Change manikin linens

**Signage** (ensure all posted sheets or signs are laminated or in wipe-able page liners. Feel free to enlarge, adapt and use where most appropriate for your area. See suggestions below.)

#### **No food or drinks (page 2)**

Post on control room doors, lab spaces

#### **Please perform Hand Hygiene prior to entering (page 3)**

Post on storage room doors/labs/entry areas

#### **“Clean” tag (page 4)**

Print on bright paper, attach a ring, store on a hook on the wall during sessions. Place across manikin’s chest after cleaning complete post session. Serves as a reminder to complete cleaning, and flag to the next team that it has been done. (Optional: **directive “clean” tag sign (page 5)** next to hook on wall)

#### **Bulleted reminders (page 6)**

Post in classrooms, at entrance, with copy of OE: Infection Control Practices for Simulation (attached), includes cleaning checklist and list of cleaning solutions.

\*May want to post the cleaning checklist/high touch surfaces Appendix separately.

#### **Suggested Email package for staff:**

- OE: Infection Control





# eSIM Provincial Simulation Program

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