

Date: September 15, 2022

To: Primary Care Physicians – Calgary Zone

From: Franco A. Rizzuti, Medical Officer of Health, Calgary Zone

RE: Clients of Calgary Midwives Collective

Through a public health advisory that will be distributed to local media today, as well as letters mailed directly to impacted individuals on September 13, Alberta Health Services (AHS) is notifying approximately 1,500 individuals who received prenatal, delivery and/or post-natal care through the Calgary Midwives Collective (CMC) of a potential risk of exposure to hepatitis B due to improperly sterilized medical equipment. The CMC operated at 306, 1010 1 Ave. N.E., in Calgary.

While the risk to clients is considered very low, the risk for hepatitis B virus exposure at CMC met the public health threshold criteria for risk to the public. As such, AHS is advising all individuals who received prenatal, delivery and/or post-natal care services through the CMC to call their physician to arrange for simple, confidential testing.

Over the coming weeks, you may have former CMC clients requesting this specific testing. Please arrange for sequential testing according to the chart below:

Interval from last service provided	Hepatitis B surface antigen	Antibody to hepatitis B surface antigen
3 – 5 months*	x	x
6 months or more	x	x

**Tests indicated in the row for this interval are not required if this interval has passed. Test at the final interval only.*

AHS will continue to work collaboratively with the College of Midwives of Alberta to ensure a thorough review of this matter is completed.

To help address patient questions, individuals can call Health Link on a 24/7 basis at 811.

We thank you in advance for your collaboration.

Sincerely,

Franco A. Rizzuti, Medical Officer of Health, Calgary Zone