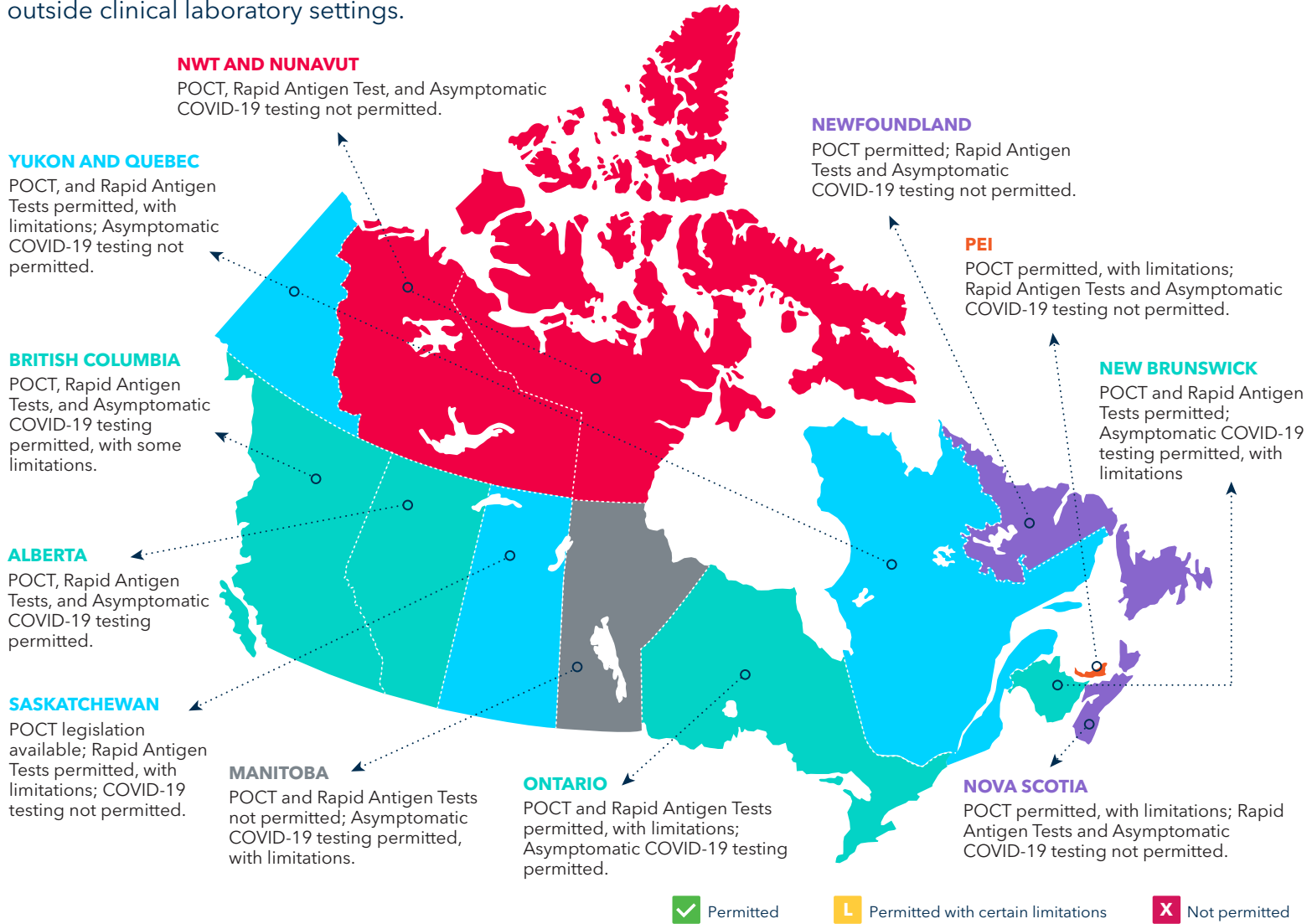


Rapid Point-of-Care Antigen Testing and Specimen Collection for PCR Tests by Pharmacists

Point-of-care testing (POCT) is medical diagnostic testing performed where a patient is receiving medical care, outside clinical laboratory settings.



	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	YT ¹	NWT	NU
Perform POCT ²	✓	✓	L ³	X	L ⁴	L ⁵	✓	L ⁶	L ⁷	✓	L ⁸	X	X
Perform Rapid Antigen Test ⁹	L ¹⁰	✓	L ¹¹	X	L ¹²	L ¹³	✓	X	X	X	L ⁸	X	X
Specimen Collection for Asymptomatic COVID-19 Test	L ¹⁰	✓ ¹⁴	X	L ¹⁵	✓	X	L ¹⁶	X	L ¹⁷	X	X	X	X

Note: Provincial and territorial government can enact orders to override existing legislation that would permit certain testing and specimen collection to occur in the context of COVID-19.

- No legislation enacted to preclude or enable.
- In some provinces/territories pharmacists are authorized to provide point of care testing for a number of disease states/issues; this can include strep throat tests, anticoagulation tests, etc., but is dependent upon provincial/territorial legislation.
- Legislation in place, but not enacted.
- Not for diagnostic purposes, except COVID-19 testing.
- Permitted through an executive order; only permitted if increased public healthcare system capacity is required, but not in pharmacy settings.
- Permitted for monitoring drug therapies only.
- Limited to INR, HbA1c blood tests, and blood glucose tests only.
- No legislation precluding POCT and rapid antigen testing exists.
- Testing where results are available in a short time (usually minutes) to the patient, such as HIV or Streptococci testing; excludes COVID-19 rapid tests.
- POCT Legislation for pharmacists has not been developed, therefore pharmacists are encouraged to work within their scope of practice given their knowledge and abilities; as such, some pharmacists may not offer specific POCT services.
- For use on pharmacy staff only.
- Only Rapid Antigen COVID-19 testing permitted.
- Permitted for monitoring drug therapies only.
- Publicly funded testing paused Nov 2020, however private pay specimen collection is permitted.
- Pharmacists employed by MB Health Authorities who complete required training can conduct COVID-19 specimen collections in a designated testing site; enabled by Ministerial Order.
- Enabled in Canada-USA border towns only.
- Limited to pharmacists employed or contracted by DHW or Health PEI.