

Designated Support Person and Visitor Screening Questionnaire for Acute Care, Ambulatory, Emergency and Urgent Care Facilities

This tool was developed to align with [CMOH Order 39](#) and reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. All designated support persons and visitors are required to complete this checklist before entering the facility. Children under 14 years of age need a parent/guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

Any person who is a case¹ of COVID-19 must not enter the site and must follow isolation requirements as per [CMOH Order 39-2021](#).

Any person ineligible to enter based on the below checklist can contact the service area to arrange an alternate designated support person and/or virtual visitation with the patient. Screeners should review the section on exemptions for applicability.

Screening Questions:

1.	Have you traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
<p>If you answered “YES”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the Government of Canada Travel, Testing, Quarantine and Borders instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk environments. Proceed to question 2. <p>If you answered “NO”, proceed to question 2.</p>			
2.	<p>Have you had any known close contact with a case¹ of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?</p> <p>Face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer, direct physical contact such as hugging, or contact with infectious body fluids.</p> <p><i>Note: A health care worker in an occupational setting wearing recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact</i></p>	YES	NO
<p>If you answered “YES” and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are not vaccinated against COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not enter the site for 14 days from the last day of exposure. You are partially vaccinated² against COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not enter the site for 10 days from the last day of exposure. You are fully vaccinated³ against COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proceed to question 3. You have previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days before exposure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proceed to question 3. <p>If you answered “NO” or if you have symptoms, proceed to question 3.</p>			

¹ A lab-confirmed case OR a probable case as defined in the [Alberta COVID-19 Notifiable Disease Guideline](#)

² Partially-vaccinated = 14 days after having received one dose of vaccine in a 2 dose vaccine series

³ Fully-vaccinated = 14 days after having received two doses of vaccine in a 2 dose vaccine series OR 1 dose in a 1 dose vaccine series.

3.	Do you have any new onset (or worsening) of the following symptoms:		
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	• Runny nose	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO

If you answered “YES” to any symptom in question 3:

- Stay home or return home. Do not enter the site.
- Use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to receive additional information on testing and isolation.
- Adults (18 and over) with fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat or loss of sense of taste or smell are required to isolate for 10 days as per [CMOH Order 39-2021](#) OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to an acute care facility as a designated support person or visitor.
- Children (under 18) with fever, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of sense of taste or smell are required to isolate for 10 days as per [CMOH Order 39-2021](#) OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to an acute care facility as designated support person or visitor.
- If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the list above, do not bring them to visit the facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.

If you answered “NO”:

- You may enter the site as a designated support person or visitor.
- All designated support persons and visitors must: complete hand hygiene when entering and exiting the facility and the patient’s room; wear a surgical/procedure mask at all times while in the facility; go straight to and from the patient’s room unless otherwise arranged with the care area; and practice physical distancing from others not from their household.

Exemptions from access restrictions for designated support persons and visitors:

Designated support person and visitors who do not pass screening, but may be eligible for an exemption are as follows:

- Individuals who are symptomatic and/or a close contact of a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case, who are the designated support person for a [pediatric patient](#), [maternity patient](#) or for an [adult dependent](#) (when no other support is available). The care area must authorize entry for exempt individuals, escort them if necessary, and consult IP&C as required.
- Individuals who have an authorized [Compassionate Exemption](#) and an appointment booked with the service area to visit a critically ill, or end-of-life patient. These individuals must not be symptomatic at the time of the visit. For individuals who do not have a compassionate exemption, please refer them to [COVID-19 Compassionate Exemptions from Quarantine | Alberta Health Services](#).