

IPC Requirements for Contractors

Note: This supplemental document is intended to assist contractors in preparation for construction in any Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Covenant Health facility. This information is over and above the basic Infection Prevention and Control recommendations for construction. All directions are subject to change.

If you have any questions or comments contact IPC at ipcsurvstdadmin@ahs.ca.

Symptom monitoring

- Any contractor who is unwell must not come to work at an AHS or Covenant Health facility. They should contact their organization for further direction.
- Any contractor who feels ill or develops symptoms of respiratory viral infections while on site must notify their site contact. The contractor must immediately leave the site and contact their organization for further direction.
- The Government of Alberta [COVID-19 info for Albertans](#) website provides additional information for individuals symptomatic of a respiratory viral infection or who tested positive for COVID-19.

Hand hygiene

- Contractors must clean their hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub. At a minimum, this should be done when entering or exiting the facility, when entering or exiting a patient care area, after using the washroom and before eating.

Guidelines for masking

Refer to [Routine Practices](#) and posted Additional Precaution signs, as required by the [Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment](#) (IPC RA) to make **PPE** decisions, including the use of masks and N95 respirators.

As per [AHS Guidelines](#), masking is still required for healthcare workers, family/support persons and visitors in the following situations:

- Facilities, sites, or units with any respiratory illness outbreak are required to follow site-specific guidance, which includes continuous masking (and eye protection) for staff and physicians, DFSPS/visitors and patients
- for staff, as identified by the Attending Work with COVID-19 Symptoms or a Positive COVID-19 Test;
- masking is required in patient care areas if patients, residents and/or their DFSPS request it;
- when a masking poster is posted on a patient's doors; and
- following [Enhanced Masking at AHS Sites](#) for site-specific enhanced masking recommendations in addition to Routine Practices, Additional Precautions and IPC RA during respiratory illness season.



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