

AHS COVID-19 Expanded Testing Algorithm

For All Ambulatory Care/OPD

COVID-19 Core Symptom(s)[‡]

(new/worse or unexplained within the last 7 days)

- Cough
- Fever/chills/rigors
 - o Adults >37.8°C
 - o Pediatrics ≥38.0°C
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Decreased O₂ saturation or increased O₂ requirement
- Sore throat/painful swallowing
- Runny nose/nasal congestion
- Loss of/change to sense of smell (anosmia)/taste (dysgeusia)

COVID-19 GI Symptom(s)[‡]

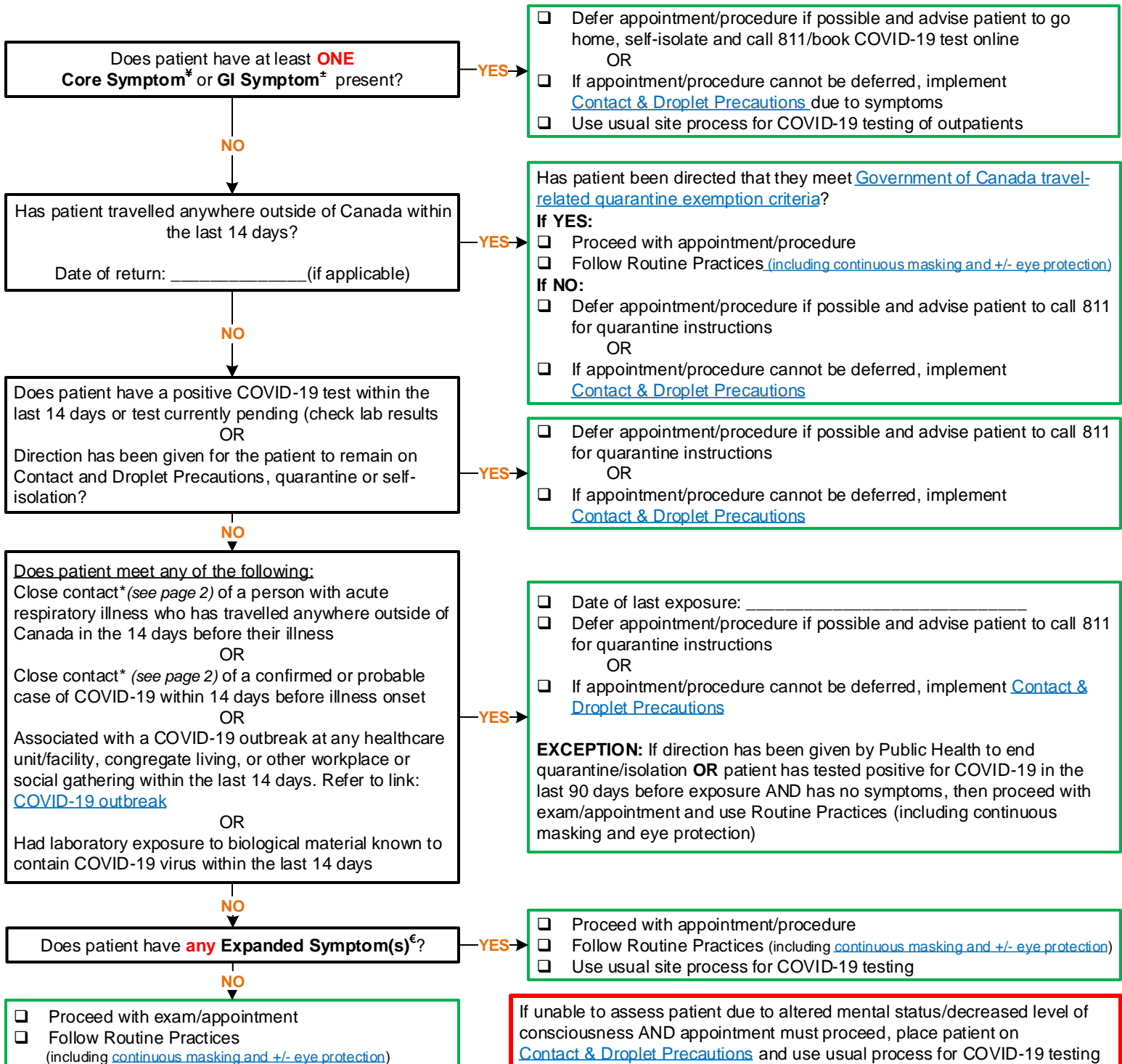
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- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

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- Headache
- Myalgia (muscle pain)/arthralgia (joint pain)
- Fatigue/extreme exhaustion
- Nausea/sudden loss of appetite
- Conjunctivitis/red eye/chemosis (conjunctival edema)
- Any additional symptoms at clinician's discretion (e.g. skin manifestations such as "COVID toes")



Note: This algorithm addresses COVID-19 testing only. Clinicians should order other diagnostic tests as indicated.

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COVID-19 Risk Factors – Definition of a Close Contact:

*A close contact is someone who:

- Provided direct care for the case, (including HCW, family members or other caregivers), or who had other similar close physical contact (e.g., intimate partner, hug, kiss, handshake) without consistent and appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
OR
- Lived with or otherwise had close prolonged contact which may be cumulative, i.e., multiple interactions for a total of 15 min or more and within two metres with a case without consistent and appropriate use of PPE and not isolating
OR
- Had direct contact with infectious bodily fluids of a case (e.g., shared cigarettes, glasses/bottles, eating utensils) or was coughed or sneezed on while not wearing recommended PPE

