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

This questionnaire was developed to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in Alberta Health Services Acute Care, Ambulatory, Emergency and Urgent Care Facilities. The following questions are designed to be compliant with CMOH Orders and the Alberta Health Services COVID-19 Provincial Designated Support Person and Visitor Access Guidance. All designated support persons and visitors (including children) seeking access to a site are required to complete this questionnaire.

Any designated support person or visitor who is not eligible to enter based on the results of this screening questionnaire 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. Within the past 10 days, have you EITHER tested positive* for COVID-19 OR have you experienced any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:
   - Fever
   - Cough
   - Shortness of breath
   - Loss of sense of taste or smell
   - Sore throat (Adults only)
   - Runny nose (Adults only)

   YES | NO

If you answered “YES” to any part of question 1: you must not enter the site for the purposes of supporting or visiting a patient.

Due to the vulnerable environment of AHS sites and for the protection of all in our care, AHS requires that in addition to any requirements in CMOH orders:

- Designated support persons/visitors who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms not enter a site for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms AND have had their symptoms resolve* before entering.

- Designated support persons/visitors who test positive for COVID-19 but are asymptomatic* not enter a site until a minimum period of 10 days have passed from the day they took a Health Canada-approved test that confirmed they are positive for COVID-19. If they develop symptoms, they must not enter a site for at least 10 days from the day they first experienced symptoms AND have had their symptoms resolve before entering.

*Tested Positive – means you have taken a Health Canada approved test the results of which indicated you are COVID positive.
*Symptoms Resolve - means the state when a person’s COVID-19 symptoms improve and the person remains fever free for a period of 24 hours without using fever reducing medications.
*Asymptomatic - means a person who is not exhibiting COVID-19 core symptoms.
2. Have you travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days AND have you been directed to quarantine?  

| YES | NO |

If you answered “YES” to question 2: Do not enter the site unless you have been authorized for an exemption from quarantine. See section on Exemptions from Access Restrictions below.

If you have travelled, but are unsure about your quarantine status, refer to the Government of Canada Travel, Testing, Quarantine and Borders instructions.

If you answered “NO,” proceed to question 3.

3. In the last 10 days, have you had any known close contact* with someone who has a positive* or probable* case of COVID-19?  

| YES | NO |

Close Contact as defined by the Alberta COVID-19 Notifiable Disease Guideline means individuals that:
- provided direct care for the case, (including Healthcare Workers, 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 over a 24-hour period and within two metres with a case without consistent and appropriate use of PPE and not isolating OR
- had direct contact with infectious body fluids of a case (e.g., shared cigarettes, glasses/bottles, eating utensils) or was coughed or sneezed on while not wearing recommended PPE.
- Is a household contact who lives in the same residence as the case OR who has been in frequent, long-duration, close-range interaction with the person who tested positive. For example, someone who is a caregiver, an intimate or sexual partner.

*Positive Case – An individual who received a positive result on a Health Canada approved COVID-19 test.
*Probable Case - means a symptomatic individual who had close contact with a positive case OR was exposed to a known outbreak, OR had lab exposure to biological material known to contain COVID-19.

If you answered “YES” to any part of question 3: You cannot enter the site to support or visit a patient for a minimum of 10 days since the day of last exposure unless you qualify for an exemption below. This requirement is regardless of your immunization status. Please contact the service area to arrange an alternate designated support person for the patient or screeners should contact the service area to arrange for safe site access for those who qualify for an exemption below.

Exemptions from access restrictions for designated support persons and visitors:

Individuals who do not pass screening may be eligible for an exemption:

- **CMOH and Close Contact Exemptions for Designated Support Persons of Minor Children and Adult Dependents** - Designated Support Persons who are required to isolate by CMOH order, or who do not meet AHS access criteria because they are considered close contacts and who are the designated support person (when no other support is available) for minor children or for an adult dependent may access services for the purposes of procuring medical attention for their dependent. Entry must be authorized by site command post or designate and designated support persons must follow the precautions outlined in the CMOH exemptions and/or the AHS Acute Care COVID-19 Designated Support Persons and Visitor Access Guidance.

- **AHS Exemption for Asymptomatic Designated Support Persons of Obstetrical Patients** – site command posts/designate may grant an exemption for the designated support person of an obstetrical patient who is a close contact if they are asymptomatic. Site command post/designate must approve entry and follow the access requirements outlined in the Acute Care COVID-19 Designated Support Persons and Visitor Access Guidance.

- **Government of Canada’s Compassionate Exemption from Quarantine or an AHS Exemption from Access Restrictions**: These exemptions apply to individuals who are close contacts and asymptomatic. They must have a site-approved appointment to visit a critically ill/end-of-life patient. Refer individuals who may qualify for these exemptions to the webpage to apply COVID-19 Exemptions from Quarantine and Access Restrictions | Alberta Health Services.