This tool was developed to support all AHS sites to reduce transmission of communicable diseases. Designated Family/Support Persons (DFSPs) and visitors are required to complete this checklist before entering the site. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

Screening Questions:

1. Do you have any new onset (or worsening) of the following symptoms?  
   - Fever  
   - Cough  
   - Shortness of breath  
   - Runny nose  
   - Sore throat  
   - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea  
   - Loss of taste or smell  
   - Rash  
   - Feeling unwell  

   If you answered “YES” to question 1: You must not enter the site to support or visit a patient/resident unless qualifying for an exemption below.

   Due to the vulnerable environment of AHS sites and for the protection of all in our care, AHS requires:

   - DFSPs and visitors who have tested positive for COVID-19 cannot enter the site for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or until their symptoms resolve (whichever is longer);
   - Symptomatic DFSPs and visitors who have a negative molecular (e.g. PCR) COVID-19 test or two negative rapid antigen tests, taken not less than 24 hours of each other, must not enter the site until symptoms resolve.

   If you answered “NO”, proceed to question 2.

2. Have you travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days AND have you been directed to quarantine?  

   If you answered “YES” to question 2: You cannot enter the site unless you have an authorized Limited Release from Quarantine from the Government of Canada.

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

   If you answered “NO,” you can attend to the site.

EXEMPTIONS:

DFSPs/visitors qualifying for an exemption must follow all access requirements including screening, continuous masking, hand hygiene, physical distancing and going directly to the service area and exiting the facility immediately after their visit. Failure to follow direction from AHS staff will result in the DFSP/visitor being required to leave the site. Screeners must notify service areas once a DFSP/visitor qualifying for an exemption arrives for escort to the patient/resident.

1. Compassionate Exemptions for COVID-19 Positive and Symptomatic DFSPs/visitors to Visit a Patient/Resident who is end of life – DFSP/visitor who is COVID-19 positive and/or symptomatic may visit a patient/resident who is at end of life. These individuals must make an appointment with the service area in advance of their arrival and agree to follow all precautions as directed by AHS staff.
2. COVID Positive and Symptomatic DFSPs of minor children or adult dependents that require medical care – a DFSP who is COVID-19 positive and/or symptomatic may access AHS sites for the purposes of procuring needed medical care for minor children or an adult dependent. Screeners should contact the service area to arrange safe site access.

3. Government of Canada - Limited Release from Federal Quarantine For International Travellers to Visit/Support a Critically Ill or End of Life Patient - Access may be granted to international travellers who have a valid Government of Canada and AHS authorized Limited Release from Quarantine for the purposes of supporting or visiting a critically ill or end-of-life patient. This exemption requires completion of an application process available on the AHS website here.

 Individuals with questions/concerns should be directed to the patient's care team and/or Patient Relations at 1-855-550-2555.

i Tested Positive – means you have taken a Health Canada approved test the results of which indicated you are COVID-19 positive

ii 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.