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

This tool was developed to align with Alberta’s CMOH Order 39-2021 to 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. **Patients will be asked the same screening questions in order for AHS to provide them with the most appropriate care.**

Any designated support person or visitor who is eligible 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. **Within the past 10 days, have you EITHER tested positive for COVID-19 OR have you experienced any of the following symptoms:**
   - Fever
   - Cough
   - Shortness of breath
   - Loss of sense of taste or smell
   - Sore throat (Adults only)
   - Runny nose (Adults only)

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   **If you answered “YES” to any symptom in question 1:**
   - **Stay home or return home (unless you are a patient).** Do not enter the site.
   - Adults (18 and over) with fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste or smell, runny nose, and/or sore throat or are required to isolate for 10 days as per CMOH Order 39-2021 OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and have their symptoms resolve before returning to an acute care site as a designated support person or visitor. See the Exemptions from Access Restrictions section at the end of this form for exceptions.
   - 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 have their symptoms resolved before returning to an acute care site to visit a patient.
   - Please seek medical attention if your, or your child’s, symptoms concern you. Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to receive additional information and direction.

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

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   **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 14 days, have you had any known close contact with someone who has a positive or probable case of COVID-19?

Close Contact - means you had face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer, as well as direct physical contact such as hugging, or contact with infectious body fluids. **Note: A health care worker in an occupational setting wearing recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact**

Positive Case - means a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19

Probable Case - means a symptomatic individual who had close contact with a confirmed case OR was exposed to a known outbreak, OR had lab exposure to biological material known to contain COVID-19.


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If you answered “YES,” you cannot enter the site to support or visit a patient for a minimum of 14 days since the day of last exposure. This requirement is regardless of your immunization status. Please contact the service area to arrange an alternate designated support person for the patient.

### Exemptions from access restrictions for designated support persons and visitors:
Designated support persons and visitors who do not pass screening, but may be eligible for an exemption are as follows:

- **CMOH exemptions** for 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, 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.

- **Government of Canada’s Compassionate Exemption from Quarantine or an AHS Exemption from Access Restrictions.** These apply to individuals who are asymptomatic and 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 [COVID-19 Exemptions from Quarantine and Access Restrictions | Alberta Health Services](https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-exemptions-quarantine-access-restrictions-1.53327649.html).