**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) wanting to access a site for the purposes of supporting or visiting a patient 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:

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<th><strong>1.</strong> Within the past 10 days, have you EITHER tested positive¹ for COVID-19 OR have you experienced any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:</th>
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If you answered “YES” to question 1: you must not enter the site for the purposes of supporting or visiting a patient unless qualifying for a CMOH exemption from isolation. Please contact the service area to arrange an alternate designated support person for the 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 resolve² before entering.

- Designated support persons/visitors who test positive for COVID-19 but are asymptomatic³ not enter a site until a minimum period of 10 days have passed from the day they tested 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 (whichever is longer).

Screeners should contact the service area to arrange for safe site access for those who qualify for an exemption listed below.
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 a Government of Canada Compassionate Exemption from Quarantine.

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

Screeners should contact the service area to arrange for safe site access for those who qualify for an exemption listed below.

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 confirmed or probable case of COVID-19? | YES | NO

If you answered “YES” to question 3: You must not 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 to rebook visitation. Screeners should contact the service area to arrange for safe site access for those who qualify for an exemption below.

EXEMPTIONS:

All individuals qualifying for an exemption must follow the requirements outlined in the applicable exemption and precautions 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 individual being required to leave the site. Service areas should be notified once an exempt individual arrives and the individual(s) must be escorted to the service area.

Compassionate Exemptions for End-of-Life and Critically Ill Patients

1) CMOH Exemption from Isolation for COVID-19 positive and symptomatic individuals who need to be present during the End-of-Life of a loved one, or a client – A confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 may leave isolation for the purposes of visiting a loved one in a health care facility at End-of-Life. These individuals must make an appointment with the service area in advance of arrival.

2) Government of Canada Compassionate Exemption from Quarantine – Access may be granted to international travellers who have a valid Government of Canada and AHS authorized Compassionate Exemption to leave their federally-required quarantine for the purposes of visiting a critically ill or End-of-Life patient. This exemption requires completion of the application process for the COVID-19 Exemptions from Quarantine and Access Restriction. These individuals must have been approved by site administration/designate prior to arrival and must have an appointment booked with the service area.
3) **AHS Exemption for Visitors who are Close Contacts and Asymptomatic to visit an End-of-life or Critically Ill Patient** - Individuals who do not meet access criteria because they are close contacts of a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 may request an exemption to visit an End-of-Life or critically ill patient by following the process outlined on the [COVID-19 Exemptions from Quarantine and Access Restriction](#) webpage. These individuals must have been approved by site administration/designate prior to arrival and must have an appointment booked with the service area.

### Access Restrictions Exemptions

4) **CMOH Exemption - for isolated persons who have minor children or adult dependents that require medical care** – Individuals that have a confirmed/probable/suspected case of COVID-19 may leave isolation for the purposes of procuring needed medical care for **minor children** or an **adult dependent**. Sites and service areas must be familiar with the precautions and requirements outlined in the exemptions. Screeners should contact the service area service area to arrange safe site access.

5) **AHS Exemption for DSPs of Minor Children and Adult Dependents who are close contacts of a confirmed/probable/suspected case of COVID-19** - DSPs who are close contacts of a confirmed/probable/suspected case of COVID-19 may enter AHS sites for the purposes of procuring needed medical care for a child or an adult dependent. Screeners should contact the service area to arrange site administration/designate review and safe site access.

6) **AHS Exemption for DSPs who are Close Contacts and Asymptomatic - Obstetrics** - DSPs who do not meet access criteria because they are close contacts of a confirmed/probable/suspected case of COVID-19 may request an exemption. Site administration/designate must approve entry. DSPs of COVID-19 confirmed or suspected patients must be treated as a dyad and co-isolated with the patient. If a DSP leaves the parameters of isolation, they cannot return to the patient and will have to leave the site. Screeners should contact the service area to arrange site administration/designate review and safe site access.

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

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.

iii Asymptomatic - means a person who is not exhibiting COVID-19 core symptoms.

iv A close contact is someone exposed to a case while they were infectious and is defined as: An individual who had direct contact with infectious body fluids of a case i.e. was coughed or sneezed on while unprotected or who for example, shared cigarettes, glasses/bottles, eating utensils with a case. Or, a Health Care Worker who provided unprotected direct care for the case. OR, an individual and/or family member or other care givers who provided direct care to the case or who had other similar direct physical contact (e.g., intimate partner, hug, kiss, or handshake) with the case. OR, an individual who lived with or otherwise had unprotected prolonged contact with a case for 10 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (may be cumulative, i.e., multiple interactions) and within two metres. OR, an individual who had unprotected contact with a case within two meters for one minute or longer where the case engaged in activities generating increased aerosols such as speaking, singing, shouting or breathing heavily (e.g., exercise) NOTE: Transmission can also happen beyond two metres when sharing a confined, crowded and/or poorly ventilated air space with a case while unprotected. Public Health and/or Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) who assess close contacts in high risk settings may take that into consideration. The exposures identified in the table carry the highest risk for viral transmission. Where contact tracing is not being conducted by PH and/or OH&S, cases should consider also notifying their contacts who have shared confined, crowded and/or poorly ventilated air space with them even at distances greater than two metres.

v Confirmed Case - A person with confirmation of infection with the virus (SARS-CoV-2) that causes COVID-19 by: Asymptomatic or symptomatic AND has positive result on a molecular test (e.g. PCR) that is Health Canada approved or approved by the lab accreditation body of the jurisdiction in which the test was performed. OR, a positive result on a Health Canada approved rapid antigen test in a person with COVID-19 symptoms. OR, two positive results on a Health Canada approved rapid/point-of-care (POC) antigen test (B) in a person with COVID-19 symptom. OR, two positive results on a Health Canada approved rapid/POC antigen test (B) completed not less than 24 hours of each other in an asymptomatic person.

vi *Probable Case - A person who in the last 10 days had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case OR was exposed to a known outbreak of COVID-19 OR had laboratory exposure to biological material (e.g., primary clinical specimens, virus culture isolates) known to contain COVID-19 AND has clinical illness and NO molecular test or rapid antigen test or the result is inconclusive; OR, has NO clinical illness and one positive rapid antigen test result with NO second rapid antigen test completed.