

Contact between Registered Midwife and Client:

Before every interaction with a client, the Registered Midwife (RM) will contact the client prior to seeing them in person, to screen:

Have you experienced any: fever, cough, sore throat, trouble breathing, or additional respiratory symptoms, achy muscles, or fatigue?

In the last 14 days did you:

Travel to anywhere outside of Canada;

Have close contact with: a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 within 14 days ; a person with acute respiratory illness who has travelled anywhere outside of Canada in the 14 days; have laboratory exposure to biological material (e.g. primary clinical specimens, virus culture isolates) known to contain COVID-19 virus within 14 days;

Are you self-isolating?

Link to testing and self-isolation criteria: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/ppih/if-ppih-ncov-case-def.pdf>

Screen others in household. If others are self-isolating (symptomatic or asymptomatic), RM requires PPE, and they should not be in the same room with the RM. If someone in the house is symptomatic, recommend birth in another location (e.g. hospital) or that symptomatic person is not staying at the home.

For home births, some facilities or jurisdictions have asked for notification of any home births to assist with emergency response planning. Please be familiar with the communication expectations where you have privileges.

Any client with a confirmed COVID-19 case requires an OB consultation, and ultrasound with Doppler every 4 weeks.

