

COVID-19 Prevalence Testing and Screening: Non-Designated Supportive Living (NDSL)

The guidance in this document is based on [Current CMOH Orders](#). Organizations may choose to implement additional measures. Operators must follow any additional measures as directed by the MOH/designate.

COVID-19 Prevalence Testing and Screening Requirements		
Visitors	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to actively screen prior to each visit and follow guidance on any visiting restrictions. Visitors are encouraged to participate in at home rapid antigen testing as recommended by Alberta Health Rapid antigen testing on-site is voluntary, available based on site capacity (testing staff and supplies), and not related to outbreak status of the site
Residents	Asymptomatic and no confirmed outbreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing surveillance and reminders to residents to monitor for illness daily No active daily screening unless clinically indicated No asymptomatic/prevalence testing
	Not fully immunized returning from absences of more than 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to actively screen daily for 10 days for symptoms of COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 information: daily checklists - Open Government (alberta.ca), or Resident Daily Screening Questionnaire (albertahealthservices.ca) Wear a new mask continuously when out of room for 10 days except when eating or drinking Rapid antigen testing on days 1, 3 and 7 post-return where onsite capacity allows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Except those who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 21 days
	Asymptomatic <u>fully immunized</u> residents who have recently been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to actively screen daily for 10 days for symptoms of COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 information: daily checklists - Open Government (alberta.ca), or Resident Daily Screening Questionnaire (albertahealthservices.ca)
	Asymptomatic, <u>not fully immunized</u> residents who have recently been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to actively screen daily for 10 days for symptoms of COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 information: daily checklists - Open Government (alberta.ca), or Resident Daily Screening Questionnaire (albertahealthservices.ca) Required to quarantine for 10 days. Change management accordingly if symptoms develop
	Site Under Investigation –A single staff or resident with suspect ¹ , probable or confirmed COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing surveillance and reminders to residents to monitoring for illness daily Daily symptom screening for affected/potentially exposed residents recommended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 information: daily checklists - Open Government (alberta.ca), or Resident Daily Screening Questionnaire (albertahealthservices.ca)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular testing of symptomatic residents (test should include COVID-19 and Respiratory Pathogen Panel) or rapid antigen testing. Type of testing dependent on MOH/designate direction. On-site testing may not be available • NO asymptomatic/prevalence testing required for entire building/site • Symptomatic residents are required to isolate using Modified Respiratory Precautions • For more information on testing and isolation for “licensed supportive living” residents refer to the most recent CMOH Orders • Continue with admission/discharges/transfers following usual processes • Refer to Section 3 of the Guidelines for Outbreak Prevention, Control and Management in Non DSL Sites (albertahealthservices.ca) for additional precautions and measures
	Confirmed Outbreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing surveillance and reminders to residents to monitoring for illness daily • Daily symptom screening of all affected/potentially exposed residents recommended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COVID-19 information: daily checklists - Open Government (alberta.ca), or ○ Resident Daily Screening Questionnaire (albertahealthservices.ca) • One round of asymptomatic/prevalence testing (COVID-19 testing only, no Respiratory Pathogen Panel required) for all residents is recommended. Type of testing (molecular or rapid antigen testing) dependent on MOH/designate direction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On-site testing may not be available ○ If no positive results identified then no further asymptomatic/prevalence testing required. Site would proceed with symptomatic testing only ○ Any additional prevalence testing will only be completed in consultation and on the recommendation of the MOH/designate • For more information on testing and isolation for “licensed supportive living” residents refer to the most recent CMOH Orders. • Continue with admission/discharges/transfers using the established Risk Assessment Worksheet (as applicable) and Risk Assessment Matrix • Refer to Section 6 of the Guidelines for Outbreak Prevention, Control and Management in Non DSL Sites (albertahealthservices.ca) for additional precautions and measures
Staff	Working on a site with no confirmed outbreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to complete daily symptom screening prior to attending to work • Voluntary rapid antigen testing available for individual asymptomatic testing (as site offers)
	Asymptomatic, <u>not fully immunized</u> staff who have recently been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work excluded for 10 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 21 days are not required to be work restricted.
	Asymptomatic, <u>fully immunized</u> staff who have recently been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to complete daily symptom screening prior to attending to work
	Asymptomatic, <u>fully immunized plus booster</u> (third dose) staff who have recently been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to complete daily symptom screening prior to attending to work

	<p>Site Under Investigation –A single staff or resident with suspectⁱ, probable or confirmed COVID-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to complete daily symptom screening prior to attending to work • Symptomatic staff are work excluded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Molecular testing of symptomatic staff (test should include COVID-19 and Respiratory Pathogen Panel) • NO asymptomatic/prevalence testing required for entire building/site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Voluntary rapid antigen testing available for individual asymptomatic testing (as site offers or if staff obtain at-home kits) • Staff dining/break/charting areas must continue to maintain physical distance, enhanced cleaning, etc. • Refer to Section 3 of the Guidelines for Outbreak Prevention, Control and Management in Non DSL Sites (albertahealthservices.ca) for additional precautions and measures
	<p>Confirmed Outbreak</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to complete daily symptom screening prior to attending to work • Symptomatic staff are work excluded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Molecular testing of symptomatic staff (test should include COVID-19 and Respiratory Pathogen Panel) • One round of asymptomatic/prevalence testing (COVID-19 testing only, no Respiratory Pathogen Panel required) for staff is recommended. Type of testing (molecular or rapid antigen testing) dependent on MOH/designate direction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On-site testing may not be available ○ Any additional prevalence testing will only be completed in consultation and on the recommendation of the MOH • Refer to Section 6 of the Guidelines for Outbreak Prevention, Control and Management in Non DSL Sites (albertahealthservices.ca) for additional precautions and measures

Resources

- [COVID-19 orders and legislation | Alberta.ca](#)
- [Protecting residents at congregate care facilities | Alberta.ca](#)
- [Guidelines for Outbreak Prevention, Control and Management in Non DSL Sites \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#)
- [Information for Residents and Caregivers Regarding COVID-19 Influenza and other Virus Testing \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#)
- [NOVEL CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\) NASOPHARYNGEAL AND THROAT SWAB COLLECTION Directive HCS-253-01 \(ahsnet.ca\)](#)

Forms

- [COVID-19 Test Requisition \(Provincial\) \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#)

ⁱ Suspect – management of suspected cases of COVID-19 is consistent with the management of probable cases of COVID-19 in alignment with the definitions set out in the [Public health disease management guidelines : coronavirus – COVID-19 - Open Government \(alberta.ca\)](#)