



COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT (Version 10. 2020JUL24)

For patients receiving healthcare service within NSHA

Date (YYYY/MON/DD): _____

The following risk assessment must be completed for every patient who receives face to face services or is admitted.

The COVID-19 Risk Assessment should be placed in the front of the patient's chart when completed or placed in a location and communicated to team members who are caring for the patient. The Risk Assessment is used to facilitate patient, staff and physician safety.

It is the responsibility of the Most Responsible Provider to ensure that the assessment is completed and signed at the time of healthcare interaction or admission.

PATIENT RISK COVID-19 IDENTIFICATION: (Completed by any healthcare worker)

If the patient meets any of the boxes below have the patient wash / sanitize their hands and put on a surgical mask.

Do you currently have two or more of the following symptoms:

- New or worsening cough
- Headache
- No symptoms
- Fever greater than 38 °C
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- New or worsening shortness of breath

Has the patient travelled outside of Atlantic Canada in the last 14 days (outside of NB, NS, PEI, NFLD):

- No
- Yes

Has the patient had close contact with Covid-19:

- Known case
- Suspected case
- No known COVID-19 contacts

Does the patient live within a known cluster as identified on the COVID-19 Hub:

- COVID-19 community cluster
- COVID-19 facility cluster
- Does not live in a cluster

Most Responsible Provider must verify the above (or complete if not done by another team member) and complete the boxes below.

PATIENT RISK COVID-19 ASSESSMENT:

IDENTIFIED COVID-19 RISK See page 2 for actions
Confirmed case OR symptomatic (Two or more of: new or worsening cough, fever, sore throat, headache, runny nose, new or worsening shortness of breath) / other acute respiratory illness consistent with infection OR travel outside of Atlantic Canada OR contact with known or suspected COVID-19 case OR residence in a geographic location with known community / facility cluster OR symptoms / exposure cannot be determined due to physical and / or mental status
<input type="checkbox"/>

NO IDENTIFIED COVID-19 RISK
Asymptomatic and no known contact with confirmed or suspected case or residence in a facility or community cluster with COVID-19 cases
<input type="checkbox"/>

COVID-19 SWAB HISTORY (*see page 2):

Has the person been tested for COVID-19:

- Not indicated
- Done: Date of swab (YYYY/MON/DD): _____
- POS
- NEG
- pending (check SHARE for pending swab)

Verified by (PMB # if applicable): _____ Signature: _____

Updated by (if applicable): _____ Signature: _____
please print



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Guidance in caring for patient IDENTIFIED RISK for COVID-19:

* If the patient has been swabbed (i.e. for surveillance or pre-procedural screening) but does not have any risk factors and does not have two of the six symptoms listed on page 1, the patient DOES NOT require additional precautions.

Ambulatory Services:

- All healthcare providers and physicians should have a surgical mask on as per universal masking practice.
- If the patient has COVID-19 or is symptomatic (two of six symptoms), have the patient wash / sanitize their hands and put a surgical mask on. The healthcare provider should don droplet and contact precautions. After the appointment, disinfect all equipment used. The room needs to be cleaned as per droplet and contact precautions protocol after the appointment.
- If the patient is asymptomatic but has an identified COVID-19 non-symptom risk factor, have the patient wash / sanitize their hands and put a surgical mask on. After the appointment use disinfectant wipes to clean all equipment and high touch surfaces.
- If the patient is asymptomatic but has travelled or resides in a community or facility cluster or has been in close contact and has not been swabbed for COVID-19, please use the "*COVID-19 Fax Referral for Assessment Centre*" and refer the patient to their local PAC for swabbing. You do not need to swab the patient before providing care, the above guidance provides appropriate precautions.
- It is not necessary to test a patient for COVID-19 before coming to their ambulatory care appointment. If possible complete the Risk Assessment in advance of the ambulatory care appointment.

Emergency Department Services:

- If the patient has an **Identified COVID-19 Risk**, please have the patient wash / sanitize their hands and put a surgical mask on; place the patient on droplet and contact precautions while they are receiving care.
- Disinfect all equipment used. The room needs to be cleaned as per droplet and contact precautions protocol after the patient leaves.
- If the patient is asymptomatic but has travelled or resides in a community or facility cluster or has been in close contact and has not been swabbed for COVID-19, please swab the patient and provide them with "*COVID-19 Patient Information Sheet*".

Patient requiring admission and is an Identified COVID-19 Risk:

- Patients who are admitted should have the COVID-19 Risk Assessment reviewed and updated if patient's status changes.
- If patient is symptomatic, they are admitted on droplet and contact precautions as per risk stratification categories for suspect and known COVID-19 patients (see zone or facility specific COVID-19 admission pathways).
- In the event that it is not possible to assess a patient's risk of COVID-19 because the patient's physical or mental health precludes them from providing a history of symptoms or exposure, the patient is to be placed on droplet and contact precautions, tested for and managed as a suspect COVID-19 for 48h. If asymptomatic at 48h, exposure risk has been determined to be negative, and COVID-19 swab is negative, patient can be removed from droplet and contact precautions and managed with routine practices.
- If the patient is a close contact or has traveled outside Atlantic Canada in the last 14 days or resides in a facility with known or suspected cases of COVID-19, place patient on droplet and contact precautions, swab patient (if not already done so), and keep on droplet and contact precautions for 14 days and monitor for symptoms as per inpatient symptom monitoring (*COVID-19 ILI symptom monitoring for inpatients*).
- If the patient is from a known community cluster, place patient on droplet and contact precautions, swab patient, and keep on droplet and contact precautions until swab negative, when patient can come off precautions. Continue to monitor for symptoms (*COVID-19 ILI symptom monitoring for inpatients*).

