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SUBJECT/OBJET : **COVID-19 – Point of Entry Staff Screening PCH/TCC and Acute Care**

Staff, physicians and contracted service providers in Acute Care, Personal Care Homes, and Transitional Care Centres within Southern Health-Santé Sud, are screened prior to the beginning of their shift and prior to entering the facility. Positive screened results are now reported provincially.

Before you are scheduled to work – practice regular pre-screening including taking your temperature.

Answer the following questions OR complete the online COVID-19 Screening available at: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

- Do you have any of the following symptoms:
 - A fever (greater than 38 degrees Celsius) or chills
 - “New” onset of cough or increase in amount of coughing
 - Shortness of breath
 - Headache or unusual headache
 - Sore throat
 - Sore muscles not related to overexertion or exercise
- In the last 14 days, have you:
 - Returned from travel outside of Manitoba (excluding travel to Western Canada, the Territories or Ontario west of Terrace Bay)?
 - Had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, while not wearing recommended PPE and/or not practicing social distancing?
 - Had laboratory exposure working directly with biological specimens that contain COVID-19 while not wearing recommended PPE?

If you answered yes to any of these questions:

- notify your department/site and then your manager and local Infection Prevention & Control provider as soon as possible,
- Self-isolate until advised otherwise, and
- Maintain physical distancing from individuals within your home.

You will be contacted and provided further direction.

Information on Self-Isolation can be found here <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/factsheets.html>

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In addition, if you live with someone who is ill with fever and/or cough and flu-like symptoms they are eligible for assessment and testing for COVID-19 and should proceed to a testing site. The staff member can continue to work pending results while self-isolating from the ill person in the home. If unable to safely self-isolate in the home the staff member may be eligible for Alternative Isolation Accommodation (AIA) through referral by Infection Prevention & Control.

When you arrive at the work site:

You will be asked:

- Do you have any of the following symptoms:
 - A fever (greater than 38 degrees Celsius) or chills
 - “New” onset of cough or increase in amount of coughing
 - Shortness of breath
 - Headache or unusual headache
 - Sore throat
 - Sore muscles not related to overexertion or exercise

If you answer yes to any of these symptoms, the screener will instruct you to:

- Notify your department/site and then your manager and local Infection Prevention & Control provider as soon as possible,
- Self-isolate until advised otherwise and
- Maintain physical distancing from individuals within your home.

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