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STANDARD:

The purpose of screening is to provide another preventive layer to identify those who may be infectious, and to reduce the potential entry and spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory microorganisms within the home.

Types of screening

Active screening means there is some form of attestation or confirmation of screening. This can be achieved through pre-arrival submission of online screening or in-person.

Passive screening means that those entering the setting review screening questions themselves, and there is no screening verification (for example, signage at entrances as a visual reminder not to enter if symptomatic).

Screening requirements:

- 1. All individuals entering the Home will review screening questions posted on the Shepherd Village Website and at the entry point of the home before entry.
- 2. All individuals entering the home must monitor their health at home for COVID-19 symptoms and are not permitted to enter the home if they are feeling ill or would otherwise fail self-screening
- 3. Signage with screening questions is posted at entrances and throughout the home, the signage lists the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, for self-monitoring and steps that must be taken if COVID-19 is suspected or confirmed in any individual
- 4. Palliative/ End of life: individuals visiting for these purposes if they fail to screen, they will be permitted entry but must ensure that they wear a full Droplet Contact Personal Protective Equipment and maintain physical distance from other residents and staff while visiting.

Screening recommendations for unvaccinated/ more Cautious

- 1. We continue to recommend self-asymptomatic screening for unvaccinated individuals highly.
- 2. Rapid test kits are available, and a designated testing space is available for unvaccinated individuals or anyone needing to exercise extra measures of asymptomatic screening beyond



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passive screening.

PROCEDURE OF ENTRY:

- 1. To allow for passive screening, signage at the entrance prompts all staff, essential and general visitors to self-assess and self-identify if they have any signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- 2. The signage reminds those entering the Home to perform hand hygiene as they enter the Home, follow respiratory etiquette while in the Home and don a mask as per universal masking protocol.
- 3. The entrance should have the following items available to staff and visitors:
 - Alcohol Based Hand Rub (70-90% alcohol concentration)
 - Surgical/Procedure Masks
 - No touch waste receptacles
 - Disinfectant solution or wipes
- 4. Once the passive screening has been completed, the staff or visitor enters the home
- 5. The sign-in/out sheets of all staff and visitors (indicating full name and contact information and whom they are visiting) will be kept by the Home for look-back and potential contact tracing if required and other operational factors.
- 6. Passed Screening: If an individual answers all the screening questions with a "No" (this includes working/visiting other Long-Term Care Homes), he/she can enter the Home. See Appendix A, PASSIVE SCREENING POSTER
- 7. Failed Screening: If an individual answers any of the screening questions with a "Yes" (this includes working/visiting other Long-Term Care Homes





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for staff and general visitors **but not essential visitors**), they must stay home and call their supervisor if sick

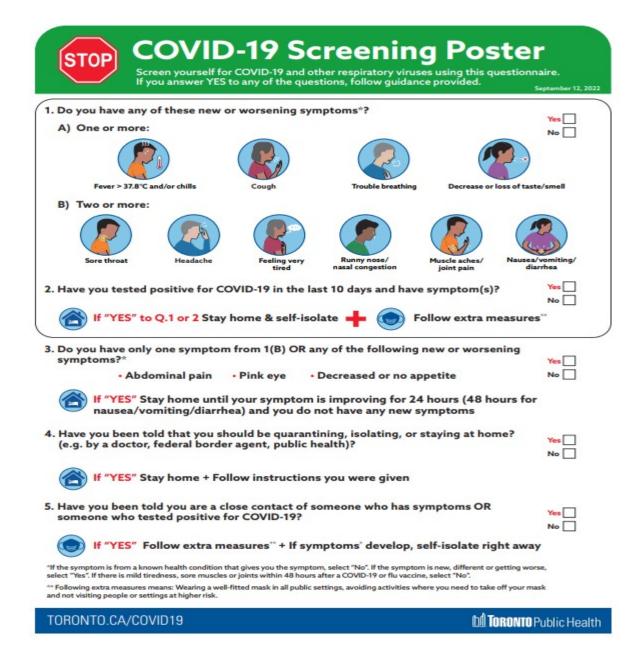
8. The IPAC Manager will follow up with any positive staff for COVID-19. **OUTCOME:**

Appendix A: PASSIVE SCREENING POSTER





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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

- 1. Directive #3 for Long-Term Care Homes under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007
- 2. <u>COVID-19covid 19 Guidance Document for Long-Term Care Homes in</u> <u>Ontario</u>,
- 3. Public Health Ontario "Prevention and Management of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes" June 2022

