



Covid-19 Screening Tool

- 1) Has the patient received public health or medical advice to self-monitor or self-isolate?
- 2) Is the patient presenting with fever and/or new onset of cough or difficulty breathing?
- 3) Has the person returned from travel outside of Canada in the 14 days before the onset of illness?

OR

Did the person have close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)?

OR

Did the person have close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who returned from travel outside of Canada with 14 days prior to their illness onset?

If **YES** to Question 1-patient screened **POSITIVE**

If **YES** to Question 2 and **YES** to any **part** of Question 3-patient screened **POSITIVE**

If **YES** to Question 2 and **NO** to **all** of Question 3-patient screened **NEGATIVE (stop screening and document response)**

If **NO** to Question 1 and 2, and **YES** to **any** part of Question 3-patient screened **NEGATIVE (stop screening and document response)**

This is ONLY a SCREENING TOOL and NOT to be used to DIAGNOSE COVID-19.

In the setting of a suspected COVID-19 based on the firefighter assessment

The situation may arise where the firefighter is first on scene and makes patient contact to discover the patient was a negative screen and now there is a communicable risk (fever, cough, or difficulty breathing) present.

To assess these risks, the firefighter should first don the appropriate PPE (mask, gloves, gown, and eye protection) and then follow the "Covid-19 screening tool v1.4" (attached).

Question 1-If a **YES** response, this is a **POSITIVE** screen and the remaining questions are not required.

If the answer to question 1 was **NO**, ask questions 2 and 3. A **YES** response to #2 and any part of #3 is also a **POSITIVE** response.

Actions to take on scene

In the event of a POSITIVE screen, consider treating life threatening CAB (CPR, BVM) issues only and ensure all proper PPE including an N95 mask is worn. Once treated, or if there are no life threatening CAB issues, limit further patient contact and advise the patient that the Paramedics are on their way.

The firefighter should take all available steps to minimize further risk to the patient, themselves, and others, by maintaining "social distance of 2m".

Advise dispatch and the responding paramedics of any changes in patient presentation.

Minimize the further access to the scene.

Management of a potential exposure⁴

In the event of a skin/mucous membrane exposure to blood, body fluids or secretions/excretions from a suspected COVID-19 patient, the firefighter should:

Stop work.

Immediately wash the affected area with soap and water or if not available, use alcohol based hand wash to minimize the further exposure.

Contact ambulance dispatch to advise of a potential exposure and to request an ambulance response.

Advise the paramedics on the call, or attending the scene.

Notify the employer and the designated officer and await their direction regarding potential isolation requirements.

Dispose of contaminated PPE according to your procedures.