

## **COVID-19 SCREENING TOOL FOR SHELTER STAFF**

Front line should be aware of the following<sup>1</sup> in case they encounter someone with **fever** (self-reported OR measured at over 37.6C or 100F) and **cough** (new, dry cough). **If an individual appears to be very ill call EMS immediately to transport to hospital.**



1. Mask and Glove the patient IMMEDIATELY



2. Place person in an 'isolation' space immediately with zero contact with others if possible or ask them to remain outside if this is impossible. If you cannot put them into a room with walls and a door alone, have them wait outdoors. **NO FEVERS IN SHELTERS**



3. CALL CCT ATR, phone #: 1-855-491-5868. CCT will come to assess and test, if appropriate. They will confirm fever and cough then test the patient with a NASAL SWAB. If appropriate, CCT ATR can assist with coordinating access to an isolation space.



4. If it is after hours for CCT, call EMS after completing #1 and #2. Tell dispatch the patient may have COVID-19 and must be transported to hospital for isolation, because they are homeless and have nowhere else to isolate.

Patients with fever, even if they feel well, should *not* be admitted to shelter. This is an immediate, interim plan while we are waiting for additional resources from government and AHS.

<sup>1</sup> **The following applies to homeless individuals only.** If people have a place to go they should self-isolate, use the on-line assessment and call 811.

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**If you have extreme shortness of breath or pain when breathing. Call 911 and warn EMS that it may be a potential COVID-19 case.**

### **Screening Questions:**

1. Do you have a **new** dry cough?
2. Do you have the chills? Does your body hurt? Have you been feeling achy lately?
3. Have you been feeling extremely tired?

If yes to any of the above questions check temperature (temp must be below 37.6° C / 100° F).

If temp 37.6° C or above or if client states they have a fever, client should be **immediately masked and gloved and placed in isolation space** to await assessment by community paramedics.

Call community paramedics at 1(855) 419-5868