COVID-19 -Screening Script for Ambulatory and Community-Based Health Care Settings:

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This tool is based on current Public Health Orders and is subject to change as updates become available

FULL SCREENING

- ☐ Greet the client/visitor/support person
- ☐ Ask the client/visitor/support person to sanitize their hands
- ☐ Inform them that as part of the screening process, they will need to answer the following questions:

Have you been:

	No	Yes
Told to self isolate after travel outside of Canada?		
Told to self-isolate or seek testing for COVID-19 by public health or a primary care provider?		
Currently self isolating due to COVID-19 symptoms?		

Do you have new or worsening COVID-19 symptoms such as:
Symptoms should be unrelated to exacerbations of known pre-existing medical conditions (e.g. allergies) or other circumstance (e.g. muscle ache from overexertion or injuries). If it is unclear or unknown whether the individual has a symptom, proceed with the "Yes" option.

	No	Yes
Fever or chills		
Difficulty breathing		
Cough		
Sore throat		
Loss of sense of taste or smell		
Loss of appetite		
Extreme fatigue or tiredness		
Headache		
Body aches		
Nausea or vomiting		
Diarrhea		

If NO – Proceed as follows	If YES to any of the questions– Proceed as follows
If the client responds no, and does not appear symptomatic: ☐ Provide a medical-grade mask if the client/visitor is not already wearing one*. ☐ Request that the client/support person/visitor respect other's personal space. ☐ Proceed as normal. *Please note: Home care clients are not required to wear medical grade masks while receiving care in their own private homes. If a family member/caregiver is assisting the health care worker with direct care, the health care worker can request that the family member/caregiver wear a mask for the duration of the visit.	If the client or essential family/support person responds yes, or appears symptomatic, proceed with the following recommendations: 1) **For clinic settings:** ☐ Provide a medical-grade mask if the client is not already wearing one. ☐ Take the client/support person directly to an exam room and/or dedicated space for high risk/COVID-like symptomatic clients. ☐ Notify the clinician that the client has arrived and is presenting with symptoms ☐ Clean and disinfect the affected client environment using appropriate disinfectant wipes. Refer to VCH's Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines. 2) **For home care/outreach settings:** ☐ Conduct a point of care risk assessment and implement droplet and contact precautions as needed ☐ If the client or household member has NOT had a test, but has COVID-19 symptoms, direct them to complete the • COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool OR • When to get a COVID-19 test OR • consult their primary care provider