

# Emergency Health Services

## COVID-19 Screening Tool for Paramedics

The below screening tool is based on the latest COVID-19 case definitions and the [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-2019\) situation reports](#) published by the World Health Organization.

### COVID-19 Screening Tool – Version 2.0 (August 26, 2021)

#### Background Question:

1. Did the person receive their final (or second) vaccination dose more than 14 days ago?\*

\*A fully immunized individual is defined as any individual >14 days after receiving their second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or their first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine series (i.e. Johnson and Johnson).

#### Screening Questions:

2. Does the person have any of the following symptoms:
  - Fever and/or chills
  - New onset of cough or worsening chronic cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell
  - If adult >18 years of age: unexplained fatigue/lethargy/malaise/muscle aches (myalgias)
  - If child <18 years of age: nausea/vomiting, diarrhea
3. Has the person tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days or have they been told they should be isolating?

**Questions 4 and 5 should only be asked if the person is not fully vaccinated (i.e. they answered 'No' to Q1):**

4. Did the person travel outside of Canada in the past 14 days?
5. Has the person had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 without wearing appropriate PPE?

#### COVID-19 Screening Results

If response to <b>ALL</b> of the screening questions is <b>NO</b> :	<b>COVID Screen Negative</b>
If response to <b>ANY</b> of the screening questions is <b>YES</b> :	<b>COVID Screen Positive</b>

If patient screens **POSITIVE**, document and continue use of routine and additional precautions outlined in the latest [Training Bulletin No. 120 – Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).