

COVID-19 SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Tips for an accurate and effective COVID-19 screening process



Which Covid-19 screening assessment tool should I use?

You are free to use the Covid-19 assessment tool of your choice. Please consider:

- 1 Capture essential information.
- 2 Include options for staff, residents, family visits and other essential visitors.
- 3 Allow for timely reporting
- 4 The tool is easy to understand/interpret



The screening process FAQ's:

- 1** **When** should screening occur: First thing, before entry into facility.
- 2** **Who** screens: A trained person assigned as a designated screener for greater accuracy and consistency in reporting, and to allow for a visual screening assessment.
- 3** **How** to screen without a designated screener: Set and evaluative systems in place to ensure accuracy in "self reported" screenings and to ensure infection control standard compliance.
- 4** **Where:** Whenever possible, allow for separate staff, resident and or vendor entries into the facility closest to the destination point to avoid unnecessary indoor close contact passage while in route to the intended destination.



Frequently Asked Questions

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Long-Term Care Facility residents:
Lead the way – encourage your
fellow residents, family, and
friends to get vaccinated.

SENIOR LIVING



Questions to include in a Covid-19 screening questionnaire.
CDC list for symptoms of Coronavirus

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

Common types of Covid-19 screening assessment tools

Electronic

- Computer, smart phone, tablet
- Apps for Android, iOS, Windows
- Analyze, customizable, track data
- Symptoms, exposures, trends
- Assessment results
- Sign and submit

Paper Chart

- Excel with multiple sheet options
- Word document with "table" insert.
- Hand written
- Self designed dichotomous questionnaire (Y/N)
- Self evaluative summative (open).

Ensure infection control measure are used during staff screening

- Mask use/PPE
- Social distancing
- Hand hygiene
- Disinfection of screen, pens or other common items that have been handled in between uses
- If an individual does not pass the screening they cannot enter the facility

Assessment tools

Pros and Cons



TODAY'S DATE: _____

CDC FACILITIES COVID-19 SCREENING

Accessible version available at <https://www.cdc.gov/screening/>

PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY	PLEASE CIRCLE THE ANSWER THAT APPLIES TO YOU	
<p>Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fever or chills• cough• shortness of breath or difficulty breathing• fatigue• muscle or body aches• headache• new loss of taste or smell• sore throat• congestion or runny nose• nausea or vomiting• diarrhea	YES	NO
<p>Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for a cumulative total of 15 minutes) with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19? <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?	YES	NO
<p>Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?</p>	YES	NO
<p>Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?</p>	YES	NO
<p>Did you answer NO to ALL QUESTIONS?</p>	<p>Access to CDC facilities APPROVED. Please show this to security at the facility entrance. Thank you for helping us protect you and others during this time.</p>	
<p>Did you answer YES to ANY QUESTION?</p>	<p>Access to CDC facilities NOT APPROVED. Please see Page 2 for further instructions. Thank you for helping us protect you and others during this time.</p>	



[cdc.gov/screening](https://www.cdc.gov/screening/)



[cdc.gov/screening/further-instructions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/screening/further-instructions.html)

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Incomplete screening assessment example

Facility name: [redacted] Date/Time: [redacted] - Time

Screener name: [redacted] Visitor name: _____ Visitor phone #: _____

Employee
Resident name: [redacted]

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	(circle)	Comments/Questions
Does the screener observe any signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as a fever, cough, shortness of breath?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Temp - [redacted] Came from COVID-19 positive resident in quarantine
Does the visitor report any potential signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	[redacted] Staff Full PPE use per instruction
In the last 14 days, has the visitor had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 or under investigation for COVID-19?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	As [redacted] Staff recent test negative COVID-19 test result
Has the visitor traveled to any locations with current COVID-19 transmissions within the last 14 days?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	At work
Has the visitor resided in a community where a community-based spread is occurring?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	At work in quarantine

In Summary



- You have a choice of assessment tools.
 - Screen before or at entry to facility.
 - Ensure timelessness of reporting.
 - Ensure consistency and validity of reported data.
 - Capture essential Covid-19 symptom related information from all who enter facility (Staff, residents, visitors, vendors, other essential workers).
 - Ensure easy of data interpret information.
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- A printable example can be found in the LTCF COVID-19 Response Toolkit and AFH Toolkit located on the Tri-County Website <https://multco.us/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-webinars-group-living-facilities>