COVID-19 Algorithm for Designated Testing Sites

Person* presents at facility entrance

Greeted by “greeter”:
• Asks all persons entering to use ABHR
• Determines reason for visit
• If a healthcare provider, physician or first responder request to confirm via their name tag/badge

All Person(s) entering facility use ABHR

Asked if person has any cold or flu symptoms:
• Fever/chills
• Cough
• Runny nose
• Poor feeding (infant)
• Fatigue
• Hoarse voice
• Sore throat
• Breathing difficulties
• Headache
• Loss of taste or smell
• Muscle aches
• Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea for more than 24 hours

Reports “NO” they have NO symptoms of a cold or flu
Directed to “WELL PERSON” triage

Screen individuals with acute respiratory illness of any degree of severity. Staff asks In the past 14 days have you:
• Returned from travel, including outside Manitoba; OR
• Had exposure* to a confirmed case of COVID-19; OR
• Had laboratory exposure working directly with biological specimens that contain COVID-19 OR
• Are you a worker or volunteer in essential services+, including health care worker or first responder?
• Are you symptomatic and do you live with a health care worker, first responder or worker in a congregate setting such as correctional facility, shelter, long-term care facility or residential facility?
• Are you a resident or worker in a remote or isolated community or congregate setting, such as a correctional facility, shelter, long term care or residential facility, or a remote work camp?
Screening criteria are intended to supplement clinical judgement, not supersede it
*Exposure includes attendance at large group settings where someone has been confirmed to have COVID-19.
**First responders include police, firefighters and paramedics.

If persons answer yes to any of the triage questions, return them to the SYMPTOMATIC waiting area and prioritize them for assessment and testing

If for routine specialist/service visit they will be offered the opportunity to be screened for possible COVID-19 testing after their appointment
Directed to the “WELL PERSON” PHC waiting area to wait for provider

If for routine specialist/service visit they will be directed to go straight to the appointment and leave as soon as visit is complete
Directed to the SYMPTOMATIC waiting area to for triage

Accompanying person(s): • Keeps mask on • Accompanies symptomatic person to exam room OR • Returns to symptomatic waiting room
Repeat triage questions for all accompanying persons

Use ABHR to clean hands Person(s) exit facility

Provider fills out—MHSAL Urgent same day reporting: Clinical Notification of Reportable Diseases

Clearly write “HCW” on lab requisition before sending to Lab if testing for Health care staff or physicians. Write “FR” for first responders

Provider/Designate cleans room after person leaves

Provider/Designate perform NP swab for COVID-19 testing

Provider performs any assessment and follow-up information sheets available at: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/public.html
Tells Person(s) to remove mask on exiting and clean hands with ABHR

Accompanying persons called to symptomatic triage area

Yes

Reports “YES” they HAVE symptoms of a cold or flu

No

If for routine specialist/service visit they will be directed to go straight to the appointment and leave as soon as visit is complete
Directed to the “WELL PERSON” triage

Directed to the “WELL PERSON” PHC waiting area to wait for provider

Once visit is complete provider will direct Person to leave as soon as visit complete and to use ABHR when exiting

Ask accompanying persons if they are symptomatic

Accompanying person(s):
• Keeps mask on
• Accompanies symptomatic person to exam room OR
• Returns to symptomatic waiting room

If persons answer yes to any of the triage questions, return them to the SYMPTOMATIC waiting area and prioritize them for assessment and testing

Provide escorts symptomatic person to the designated exam room

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+Essential services are those workplaces permitted to remain open during the shutdown of non-essential workplaces mandated by Public Health orders.

April 16, 2020 Algorithm for Designated Testing Sites ABHR – Anti-bacterial hand rub NP – nasopharyngeal swab

*For purpose of IP&C - Patients from Nunavut & NW Ontario are considered Manitobans