


<b>WORK STANDARD</b>	 <b>Saskatchewan Health Authority</b>		<b>Title: COVID-19 Testing – Long Term Care or Personal Care Home Move In from Acute Care, Alternate Level of Care or Other Long Term Care Home</b>
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<b>Related Policies/Documentation</b> <a href="#">CV-19 G0042 COVID-19 Move-In Guidelines Quick Reference – Long Term Care (LTC) or Personal Care Home (PCH)</a>			

**Work Standard Summary:** During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the following steps are to be followed when a new resident moves into a Long Term Care (LTC) home or Personal Care Home (PCH) within the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).

<b>Essential Tasks:</b>	
1.	<b>All inpatients moving in from acute care, Alternate Level of Care (ALC) or another LTC home for their initial move into a LTC or PCH</b> are to be tested for COVID-19 in hospital <b>PRIOR</b> to move in to LTC or PCH.
2.	COVID-19 test is to be conducted 24-48 hours <b>PRIOR</b> to move in, following notification that <b>move in</b> will occur. Clinicians are supported to exercise clinical judgement regarding need to retest should more than 48 hours elapse between testing and transfer.
3.	Sending nursing staff are to conduct screening of patient using <a href="#">SHA 002 Screening Tool</a> on day of <b>move in</b> and communicate lab test and screening results to receiving LTC or PCH.
4.	Hospitals may discharge individuals to LTC or PCH where the receiving facility is <b>NOT in a COVID-19 outbreak</b> . <b>NOTE:</b> Any <b>move ins</b> to LTC or PCH determined to be in outbreak that is urgently required must be discussed on a case by case basis with the Medical Health Officer (MHO), their designate or outbreak lead. Refer to <a href="#">CV-19 G0042 COVID-19 Move-In Guidelines Quick Reference – Long Term Care (LTC) or Personal Care Home (PCH)</a> .
5.	<b>COVID-19 POSITIVE LAB RESULT OR SCREENING TOOL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Delay move in</b> to LTC or PCH for 14 days following symptom onset OR 48 hours after symptoms significantly resolve, whichever is later (for patients who tested POSITIVE) or for 14 days following last exposure.</li> <li>• <b>Urgent move ins</b> must be discussed on a case by case basis with the MHO/designate and if approved, must remain on Droplet and Contact Plus Precautions for 14 days following symptom onset OR 48 hours after symptoms significantly resolve, whichever is later (for patients who tested POSITIVE) or for 14 days following last exposure.</li> </ul>

6.	<p><b>COVID-19 NEGATIVE LAB RESULT <u>OR</u> RESULT NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF MOVE IN AND MOVE IN URGENTLY REQUIRED:</b></p> <p><b>A. Asymptomatic and Screen Negative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual spent <b>14 DAYS OR MORE</b> in acute care or LTC (facility/unit not in outbreak) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Move in</b> may occur and <b>NO ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS</b> are required following <b>move in</b> to LTC or PCH</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Individual spent <b>LESS THAN 14 DAYS</b> in acute care or LTC (facility/unit not in outbreak) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Move in</b> may occur but <b>DROPLET AND CONTACT PLUS PRECAUTIONS ARE REQUIRED</b> following <b>move in</b> to the LTC or PCH for the remainder of the 14 days since initial admission to acute care.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>B. Symptomatic and Screen Negative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Delay move in</b> to LTC or PHC until at minimum 48 hours symptom-free, repeat test results are NEGATIVE and has been assessed by the Most Responsible Provider (MRP) as low risk for COVID-19 based on <a href="#">CV-19 A0002 Modifications of Precautions for COVID-19 Negative Inpatients and Residents Algorithm</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Once ready for move in</b>, follow process as per 6. A.</li> <li>• <b>Urgent move ins</b> must be discussed on a case by case basis with the MHO/designate and if approved, must remain on Droplet and Contact Plus Precautions for duration of time determined by the MHO/designate.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>MOVE IN DAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The necessary move in paperwork is to be completed by email, phone or fax (if possible). Move in package for family will be completed at a later date.</li> <li>• Designated staff will greet family/ transportation company staff and resident at the door (following the social distancing guidelines) and accept the resident's belongings, a list of belongings and the resident. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Follow <a href="#">CV-19 WS 0018 Resident Move In/Transfers-Infection Control Practices</a>.</li> <li>○ Family may arrange to drop off the resident belongings prior to resident arrival by contacting the local facility and making prior arrangements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8.	<p>Staff will inform the family of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage regular communication between loved ones and residents whether it is by a phone call, FaceTime, Skype or mail.</li> <li>• Communication from staff and families will occur on a regular basis, as possible, to keep them informed during COVID-19.</li> </ul>