


WORK STANDARD	 Saskatchewan Health Authority		Title: COVID-19 Testing – Long Term Care or Personal Care Home Move In from Community Role performing Activity: Nursing
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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). Moves from PCH to LTC will be considered moves from Community.

Essential Tasks:	
1.	<p>All clients moving in from Community or any setting outside of acute care for their initial move into LTC or PCH are to be tested in community PRIOR to admission to LTC or PHC.</p> <p>Refer to CV-19 G0042 COVID-19 Move-In Guidelines Quick Reference – Long Term Care (LTC) or Personal Care Home (PCH).</p>
2.	<p>COVID-19 test is to be conducted 24-48 hours PRIOR to moving in. Clinicians are supported to exercise clinical judgement regarding need to retest should more than 48 hours elapse between testing and transfer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most responsible primary care provider or Primary Health Care staff to refer client to nearest Test Site for test OR client/client’s family to call HealthLine 811 to self-refer for testing at Test Site. • Test Site to contact individual and schedule appointment for testing, utilizing mobile testing options when necessary.
3.	<p>Family physician, Assessor Coordinator or Primary Health Care staff to conduct screening of client on day of move in, and communicate lab test and screening results to receiving LTC or PCH nurse/owner/delegate.</p>
4.	<p>ALL NEW move ins to LTC/PCH WILL REQUIRE DROPLET AND CONTACT PLUS PRECAUTIONS upon arriving in LTC or PCH for 14 days <u>regardless of test results</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once moved in, resident to have temperature taken twice daily and monitored for any new onset of symptoms compatible with COVID-19. <i>*It is recognized that an extended period of isolation may be challenging to implement for individuals with cognitive challenges and/or in LTC/Personal Care Home settings where the physical environment presents challenges due to shared bedroom/washroom space. Efforts to maintain isolation precautions are required.</i>

5.	<p>COVID-19 POSITIVE LAB RESULT OR SCREENING TOOL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay move in 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. • Decisions about potential move ins from out of province are made in consultation with the Medical Health Officer (MHO). • Urgent move ins 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.
6.	<p>SYMPTOMATIC AND SCREEN NEGATIVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay move in to LTC or PHC until at minimum 48 hours symptom-free, repeat test results are NEGATIVE and has been assessed by the MRP as low risk for COVID-19. • Once ready for move in, place on Droplet and Contact Plus Precautions for 14 days following move in. • Urgent move ins 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 a duration of time determined by the MHO/designate.
7.	<p>ASSYMPTOMATIC, SCREEN NEGATIVE AND NEGATIVE COVID-19 LAB RESULT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move in may proceed and resident must be placed on Droplet and Contact Plus Precautions for 14 days following move in.
8.	<p>ADMISSION DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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"> ○ Follow CV-19 WS 0018 Resident Move Ins/Transfers-Infection Control Practices. ○ Family may arrange to drop off the resident belongings prior to resident arrival by contacting the local facility and making prior arrangements.
9.	<p>Staff will inform the family of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage regular communication between loved ones and residents whether it is by a phone call, FaceTime, Skype or mail. • Communication from staff and families will occur on a regular basis, as possible, to keep them informed during COVID-19.