

COVID-19 SCREENING QUESTIONS



1) Are you currently experiencing any of these symptoms? If yes, please call 911.

- Severe difficulty breathing (struggling for each breath, can only speak in single words)
- Severe chest pain (constant tightness or crushing sensation)
- Feeling confused or unsure of where you are
- Losing consciousness

If no, proceed to question 2.

2) Are you immunocompromised?

For this question, factors such as old age, diabetes and end-stage renal disease are generally not considered immunocompromised.

3) Do you have any of the following symptoms?

If the patient answered yes to question 2, select 'none of the above' if all of these apply:

- Symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or for 48 hours with gastrointestinal symptoms)
- The patient does not have a fever
- The patient has tested negative for COVID-19 on one (1) PCR test/rapid molecule test or two (2) rapid antigen tests 24 to 48 hours apart

If the patient answered no to question 2, select 'none of the above' if both apply:

- Symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or for 48 hours with gastrointestinal symptoms)
- The patient does not have a fever

- Fever and/or chills**
- Cough** (not related to other known causes or conditions)
- Shortness of breath** (not related to other known causes of conditions, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or chronic heart failure)
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell** (not related to other known causes or conditions, such as nasal polyps, allergies, or neurological disorders)
- Muscle aches or joint pain** (not related to other known causes or conditions, such as recent COVID-19/flu vaccination, osteoarthritis, or fibromyalgia)
- Extreme tiredness** (general feeling of being unwell, lack of energy and not related to other known causes and conditions, such as recent COVID-19/flu vaccination, insomnia, or depression)
- Sore throat** (painful swallowing or difficulty swallowing, not related to other known causes or conditions)

- Runny or stuffy/congested nose** (not related to other known causes or conditions, such as seasonal allergies or chronic sinusitis)
- Headache** (not related to other known causes or conditions, such as recent COVID-19/flu vaccination, tension-type headaches, and chronic migraines)
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea** (not related to other known causes and conditions, such as irritable bowel syndrome or side effects of medications)
- Abdominal pain** (not related to other known conditions, such as menstrual cramps)
- Pink eye** (not related to other known causes or conditions, such as recurrent styes)
- Decreased or no appetite (young children only)** (not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or constipation)
- None of the above**

If yes, the patient should be advised to:

Stay home (self-isolate) to prevent transmission to others, expect for testing or medical care, if required.*

Stay home until all of the following apply:

- Your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours with gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting or diarrhea)
- You do not have a fever
- You do not develop further symptoms

If 'none of the above':

Self-isolation is no longer required.

For 10 days after symptoms started:

- Wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings
- Avoid non-essential activities that require you to take your mask off
- Avoid visiting anyone who is immunocompromised or may be at higher risk of illness
- Avoid non-essential visits to highest risk settings such as hospitals and long-term care homes

*Patients at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should seek testing and care immediately when presenting symptoms (even if mild), as they may benefit from available therapies.

Timmins COVID-19 Assessment Centre:

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Appointment required and can be made by calling 705-267-0224. Patients presenting symptoms for COVID-19 should not enter the hospital's emergency department unless for a medical emergency.