

COVID-19 Health-Care Worker Self-Check and Safety Checklist

This checklist is to help health-care workers (HCWs) check themselves for COVID-19 risk before each shift. This tool summarizes steps to take if a HCW develops symptoms and other general safety measures to reduce risk. This tool can be adapted based on setting and service-specific guidance.



Check yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 before each shift:

- Complete a daily health check for COVID-19 symptoms and risk factors as per [WorkSafeBC](#) requirements. Use the [B.C. COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#), as needed.
- If you are currently under order to quarantine after travel outside of Canada **OR** currently told to self-isolate by public health, you must stay home and [self-isolate](#). Some critical HCWs may be exempted by their leadership or a medical health officer.
- If you have been told to self-monitor for symptoms by public health, you may continue to work if appropriate personal protective equipment and infection prevention and control measures are followed. See guidance on [HCW exposures to COVID-19](#) for more information.
- **If you feel sick, do not come to work**, as per regular workplace health and safety (WHS) policy.



If you develop symptoms of COVID-19:

At home, you should:

- Stay home and self-isolate.
- Inform your supervisor/employer/WHS, as required.
- Arrange for COVID-19 testing (follow employer process, where applicable).

At work, you should:

- Clean your hands right away.
- Put on a medical mask (if not already wearing one).
- Inform your supervisor/employer/WHS, as required.
- Avoid further patient/client contact and transfer any essential duties.
- Go directly home as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Arrange for COVID-19 testing (follow employer process, where applicable).
- See the [BCCDC self-isolation](#) webpage for instructions on how to self-isolate.
- See the provincial [return to work guidance](#) and any additional health authority and public health advice on how long to self-isolate.



Follow these general safety measures:

Before work:

- Clean your hands.
- Minimize the number of personal items you bring to work (e.g., cellphones, bags).
- Wear clean personal clothes and shoes when traveling to work.
- Have dedicated uniform/clothes and shoes that you only wear at work. Change into these when you arrive at your workplace/unit.

After work:

- Clean your hands.
- Change out of your work uniform/clothes and shoes.
- Clean and disinfect personal items and highly touched surfaces in vehicles used for work.
- Put used work clothes in the laundry and clean your hands. Launder clothes before you wear them again.

Always:

- Monitor yourself for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Report any unprotected exposures to your employer/WHS as soon as possible. See guidance on [health-care worker exposures to COVID-19](#) for more information.
- Follow any additional measures as directed by your health authority or organization.

