

**MARCH 30, 2020**

## **PRESUMED COVID-19 CASE ON SITE PROCEDURES**

### **What to do when someone who has been on site is presumed to have COVID-19**

Follow these procedures and flow chart if someone on site meets any of the following criteria:

1. Has been tested for COVID-19 within 10 days of being on site.
2. Has tested positive for COVID-19 within 10 days of being on site.
3. Has developed symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days of being on site (cough, fever, sneezing, sore throat, fatigue).

This individual will be referred to as the “presumptive case”.

### **When can the presumptive case return to site?**

The presumptive should not be permitted back on site until they no longer experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 **AND** 10 days have passed since they developed symptoms.

If the presumptive case is hospitalized or otherwise under the care of a medical professional, they should not return to work until the medical professionals determine that it is appropriate.

### **How should we clean the site?**

Clean and disinfect all touch-surfaces in the area where the presumptive case was present.

**Follow the BCCSA procedures for Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection.**

If the presumptive case has tested positive for COVID-19 consider using a specialized biohazard remediation abatement company for professional disinfection.

### **Should other teams or workers be isolated?**

1. If the presumptive case has been tested for COVID-19, call Health Link BC at 8-1-1 for guidance. The steps below would still apply, but testing or other actions may also be required.
2. Identify any individuals who have been in CLOSE CONTACT with the presumptive case. These individuals should self-isolate for 14 days.

CLOSE CONTACT<sup>1</sup> means:

- Provided care for the presumptive case without consistent and appropriate use of PPE.
- Lives with the presumptive case.
- Had direct contact with infectious body fluids of the presumptive case (e.g. was coughed or sneezed on)
- Had close contact (within 2 meters) with the presumptive case while the presumptive case had symptoms of COVID-19 without consistent and appropriate use of PPE.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/interim-guidance-cases-contacts.html>

3. Identify any individuals who have been in NON-CLOSE CONTACT with the presumptive case. These individuals should be monitored for symptoms (including daily temperature checks) for 14 days and should maintain physical distance (2 meters) from other workers, as well as hand washing and cough/sneeze etiquette. If they develop any symptoms they should self-isolate.

NON-CLOSE CONTACT<sup>1</sup> means:

- Provided care for the presumptive case **with** consistent and appropriate use of PPE.
  - Has had contact with the presumptive case but has not been within 2 meters of the presumptive case while the presumptive case had symptoms of COVID-19.
4. Wherever possible, the presumptive case's work crew should work separately from other work crews for 14 days after the presumptive case developed symptoms (e.g. in a different room, on a different shift)
  5. If any workers who have had close or non-close contact with the presumptive case develop symptoms, then they should also be considered as presumptive cases and the steps should be repeated.

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