

## West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources In-Person Visitation Protocol During the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Appendix A: Screening Questions

Question	Response
1. Have you had any signs or symptoms of a fever in the past 24 hours such as chills, sweats, felt "feverish" or had a temperature that is 100.0 F or greater?	Visits should not occur at this time if the person answers yes; to schedule a visit, the person would need to be symptom free for 7 days, without the use of fever reducers, or have a negative test for COVID-19.
2. Do you currently have any of the following symptoms?	Visits should not occur at this time if the person answers yes; to schedule a visit, the person would need to be symptom free for 7 days or have a negative test for COVID-19, or have another diagnosed reason for the symptom, see guidance below for each.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Cough</i></li> </ul>	Additional questions should be asked, such as is the cough new or excessive, related to another medical condition, such as from asthma or lung disease, or if the cough is from smoking.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Shortness of breath</i></li> </ul>	Additional questions should be asked, such as is this a new condition or unexplained condition.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sore throat</i></li> </ul>	Visit should not occur at this time if the person answers yes; to schedule a visit, the person would need to be symptom free for 7 days.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Muscle aches</i></li> </ul>	Additional questions should be asked, such as are the muscle aches new or excessive, related to another medical condition, such as from arthritis, or from an injury.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Unexplained loss of taste or smell</i></li> </ul>	Additional questions should be asked such as, is this a new condition or unexplained condition.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Diarrhea</i></li> </ul>	Additional questions should be asked such as, is the diarrhea new or unexplained, and/or related to another medical condition, such as irritable bowel syndrome.

<p>3. Have you had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or been exposed* to someone who may have COVID-19?</p>	<p>Visits should not occur at this time if the person answers yes; to schedule a visit, the person would need to have self-quarantined for at least 14 days from exposure or have a negative test for COVID-19.</p> <p>*See question 5 for healthcare workers and first responders.</p>
<p>4. Have you traveled in the last 14 days to any area seriously impacted by COVID-19? Or do you reside in an area that has been seriously impacted by COVID-19?</p>	<p>Visits should not occur at this time if the person answers yes to questions 1, 2, or 3; the visit should not occur until these conditions above are satisfied.</p> <p>Visits should occur if they answer no to questions, 1, 2 and 3.</p> <p>*See question 5 for healthcare workers and first responders.</p>
<p>5. Do you work or volunteer as a healthcare worker or first responder?</p>	<p>Visits should occur if the person answers yes, but there should be more questions if the person's response is yes, such as questioning their use of proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and whether they have had a negative COVID-19 test, and then more cautions could be taken with the visit.</p> <p>*If they have an N-95 mask, they should wear it during the visit.</p>
<p>6. Do you have heart disease, lung disease, diabetes immunosuppressive disorders, or other health-related illnesses increasing risk?</p>	<p>Visits should occur if the person answers yes, but there should be more questions if the person's response is yes, such as questioning their illness and their vulnerability if they are exposed to COVID-19 and then more cautions could be taken with the visit.</p> <p>*If they have an N-95 mask, they should wear it during the visit.</p>

**\*How do I know if I was exposed?**

You generally need to be in close contact with a sick person to get infected. Close contact includes any of the following:

- Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19
- Caring for a sick person with COVID-19
- Being within six feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 15 minutes
- Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19 (being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.)

