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Organizations that provide residential care to vulnerable populations need to be responsive to any possible staff or resident exposures to COVID-19.

This checklist is specifically for frontline, residential and group care home staff who have tested positive for the virus. It will help ensure that staff are aware of the information they need to provide so that public health and their employer can make informed decisions. Please note that the checklist is not exhaustive, and all situations are unique.

The attached checklist has been developed to complement the CFS and CLDS checklists for Suspect and Confirmed COVID-19 cases, available at www.gov.mb.ca/fs/covid-circulars.html.

As a reminder, staff must not attend work if they are ill or exhibiting any cold/flu-like symptoms, even if the symptoms are very mild. The COVID-19 Screening Questions are available at: www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/coronavirus/covid19_screening_checklist.pdf. Individuals who have possible symptoms/suspected cases of COVID-19 based on the screening must contact Health Links – Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

For the latest provincial public health information on COVID-19, visit the Manitoba government's website at: www.manitoba.ca/covid19. Those who have smart phones are strongly encouraged to download the national COVID Alert app. The app can let people know of possible exposures before any symptoms appear. It is available at no cost in the Apple and Google Play app store. For more information, go to: www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html

Thank you for your continued dedication to providing a safe and supportive living environment for vulnerable individuals.