

Infection Screening for KHSC Staff

As a worker in a health care facility, daily self-monitoring for potentially infectious symptoms is a requirement in order to prevent the spread of infectious illness to others.

By entering the workplace, you are attesting to following the guidance below.

Screening Criteria	If YES, follow this Guidance:
<p>1. Do any of the following apply to you?</p> <p>a) You have NEW vomiting or diarrhea (<i>potentially infectious / unrelated to another known medical condition</i>)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>b) You have <u>2 or more</u> of the following NEW symptoms:</p> <p>cough sore throat, runny nose unusual fatigue chills muscle/joint aches</p> <p>OR</p> <p>c) You have a Fever (> 38°C)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>d) You have tested positive for an infectious illness (e.g. <i>COVID-19, Influenza, RSV</i>) in the past 10 days?</p>	<p>1) DO NOT ATTEND WORK</p> <p>2) REPORT your infectious symptoms and/or any positive test result to Occupational Health, Safety & Wellness (OHSW) via the Infectious Reporting Line x4389 (KGH extension). An Occupational Health Nurse will not call you back unless you are unclear on the return-to-work guidance below or in your message you specifically request a return call.</p> <p>3) <u>RETURN TO WORK GUIDELINES</u></p> <p>You may return to the workplace when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your fever has resolved for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication • Your vomiting and diarrhea have resolved for at least 24 hours (48 hours if norovirus-like illness) • Your respiratory symptoms are improved, and you feel well enough to return. You must wear a well fitted mask (or a respirator if in a clinical area) <u>until</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ your remaining symptoms have resolved, or ○ for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test, whichever is first. <p>Should your symptoms result in absence from work for <u>more than 3 consecutive shifts</u>, please contact Occupational Health to discuss initiating a short-term disability claim.</p>
<p>2. Have you had <u>unprotected, close/household contact</u> with someone who is sick with infectious symptoms/illness?</p>	<p>YOU MAY ATTEND WORK as long as you have no infectious symptoms and self-monitor for any development of symptoms.</p> <p>A well fitted mask (or respirator if you work in a clinical area) is recommended for those with high- risk exposures to infectious illness, as a precaution, in the event you are developing an infection but have not yet developed symptoms.</p>