

IPC Requirements for Contractors during COVID-19

Note: This supplemental document is intended to assist contractors in preparation for construction in any Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Covenant Health care facility during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This information is over and above the basic Infection Prevention and Control recommendations for construction. All AHS/Covenant Health facilities and contractors must maintain compliance with all applicable [Public Health Orders](#) issued by the Government of Alberta. All directions are subject to change based on the status of the Pandemic. For more information, please visit: [Use and Access of Contractors to AHS sites](#).

If you have any questions or comments contact IPC at ipcsurvstdadmin@ahs.ca.

Self-assessment

- Any contractor who is unwell must not come to work. The contractor should stay at home and call [Health Link 811](#).

Screening at facility

- Contractors are required to use the designated entrance to the facility.
- Contractors are required to complete a daily fit for work screen. Any contractor who does not meet the fit for work criteria as set out in the screening tool will not be allowed into the facility. The contractor must go home, minimize contact with others and call Health Link.

Hand hygiene

- Contractors must clean their hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub. At a minimum, this should be done when entering or exiting the facility, when entering or exiting a patient care area, after using the washroom and before eating and after using shared equipment or tools.

Continuous masking

- Use of surgical or procedure masks that are approved by AHS and/or Covenant Health is required for all contractors in all areas in the facility.
- A wet or soiled mask must be changed immediately. A mask should also be changed after using the washroom.

Continuous eye protection

- Eye protection should now be used continuously for all contract workers involved in working in patient care areas, which includes all interactions within two metres of a patient.
- Eye protection and a mask can be worn continuously, but should be changed or disinfected when they become contaminated, wet or soiled as per IPC protocols. See recommendations for [Preservation and Reuse of Eye Protection](#).

Physical distancing

- Where possible, contractors are required to maintain a minimum physical separation of two metres from other individuals.

Self-monitoring

- Any contractor who becomes unwell or develops symptoms while at work will be required to leave the facility immediately. The contractor must go home, minimize contact with others and call Alberta Health Link.

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