

Respiratory Screening Questions for use across all health and care settings*

The screening questions below apply to all service users and anyone accompanying the service user to a healthcare facility e.g. parent, carer.

COVID-19 Screening Questions	Yes	No
<p>Do you or any member of your household/family have a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 diagnosed in the last 10 days?</p> <p>NB: Any person who has previously tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 by PCR should be exempt from being re-tested within a period of 90 days from their initial symptom onset, or the first positive test, if asymptomatic, unless they develop new possible COVID-19 symptoms. This is because fragments of inactive virus can be persistently detected by PCR in respiratory tract samples for some time following infection.</p>		
Do you or any member of your household/family have suspected COVID-19 and are waiting for a COVID-19 test result?		
Have you travelled internationally in the last 10 days to a country that is on the Government red list ?		
Have you had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, or been in isolation with a suspected case in the last 10 days?		
<p>Do you have any of the following symptoms;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •High temperature or fever? •New, continuous cough? •A loss or alteration to taste or smell? 		

If the service user answers 'Yes' to any of the COVID-19 screening questions above, place on the respiratory pathway.

If service user answers 'No' to all of the COVID-19 screening questions above, proceed to general respiratory screening questions below.

Respiratory Screening Questions	Yes	No
Do you have any new or worsening respiratory symptoms not already mentioned which suggest you may have a respiratory virus? (See note 1)		
Have you been had a laboratory test with a confirmed respiratory virus/infection such as Influenza in the last 10 days? (See note 2)		

If the service user answers 'Yes' to any of the COVID-19 or the respiratory symptoms questions, place on the respiratory pathway.

Notes

1. Note for healthcare workers (HCWs) in relation to respiratory symptoms;

List of respiratory symptoms below may indicate a respiratory virus;

- Rhinorrhea (Runny nose)
- Congestion in the nasal sinuses or lungs
- Sore throat
- Sneezing
- Coughing

The following can also be symptoms of a respiratory virus/infection but may also be related to a non-respiratory cause therefore caution should be applied in allocation of these patients to the respiratory pathway in the absence of any symptoms noted above.

- Breathlessness
- Wheezing or chest tightness
- Myalgia (Muscle aches)
- Fatigue (Tiredness)
- Dyspnea (Shortness of breath)

2, If the service user advises of having had a test positive pathogen in the last 10 days, they should be placed according to the infective period for that specific pathogen and an assessment of any ongoing infectivity. Refer to [A-Z of pathogens](#) for details of individual pathogens.

*COVID-19 screening questions are separated to recognise potential asymptomatic carriage of this pathogen. The screening questions above also apply to anyone accompanying the service user to a healthcare facility e.g. parent, carer.