

# Prairie Hospice Assessment Tool for in person Visitation and Rides

IN the last **48 hours** have you or anyone in your household had any of the following **symptoms**?  
(Reminder we are not screening for seasonal or environmental allergies)

- Fever (temp >37.8)
- New or worsening respiratory symptoms ie cough shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, runny nose or sneezing, nasal congestion, hoarse voice, sore throat, or difficulty swallowing.
- New onset symptoms you don't normally have including but not limited to chills, muscle aches, nausea/omitting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, malaise, fatigue or weakness, loss of sense of smell loss of sense of taste or headache?

**NO:** have you or anyone in your household tested positive for COVID 19?

**NO:** Thank you, please proceed with your visits and rides with your clients. Enjoy!

**YES:** when you are well enough, please notify a volunteer coordinator. Please refrain from visiting your client or providing rides until

- 7 days have passed
- and you or your contact have been symptom free for 48 hours. Please redo the assessment

**YES:** Based on this answer we are asking you not to visit with your client face to face for 7 days and have been symptom free for 48 hours, please redo the assessment.

## Reminder that good infection control habits should be always observed

Colds, flus and other infectious diseases spread easily from person to person and can pose a real risk to someone who is dying the greatest risk is from contact with droplets we expel when we cough or sneeze. The two basic goals of infection control are to protect the care provider and the care receiver from infection. Infection control starts with standard precautions recommended by the Centers of Disease Control and prevention (CDC).

Infection Control Habits are care we need to always provide to all clients,

- Good hand hygiene should be done:
  - Immediately before arriving at a client visit
  - Immediately after contact with a client
  - After touching items or surfaces in the environment while visiting
  - Immediately after removing your mask
- Proper cough etiquette by covering your mouth and nose
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay at home if you are sick

**We continue to ask that both clients and volunteers wear masks during in person visits that are indoor and for all rides. Masks are available in the office.**

**Thanks**