

**Effective September 30, 2021**

**COVID-19 Updated Isolation Precautions Protocols**

*Long Term Care facilities are to continue to follow the isolation precautions in Long Term Care COVID guidelines.*

A person is unvaccinated when they have not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

A person is partially vaccinated who has one dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series plus 21 days.

A person is fully vaccinated who is  $\geq 14$  days after receiving their second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or their first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine series.

Children under the age of 12 will follow their parents/guardians vaccine status for isolation precautions.

**Vaccination Status and Required Isolation after Travel**

**An unvaccinated person who travels outside of PEI is required to isolate for 8 days from the date they return to PEI, with testing on day 8. A negative lab result is required before isolation can be discontinued.**

**A partially vaccinated person who travels outside of PEI is required to isolate for 8 days from the date they return to PEI, with testing on day 8. A negative test result is required before isolation can be discontinued.**

**A fully vaccinated person who travels within Canada does not have to isolate.**

**A fully vaccinated person who travels outside of Canada, they do NOT have to isolate if they have been exempted federally from isolation.**

**A fully vaccinated person who travels outside of Canada who is required to isolate for 8 days from the date they return to PEI with testing on day 8. A negative test result is required before isolation can be discontinued.**

**A fully vaccinated person who travels outside of Canada and has not been exempted federally is required to isolate for 14 days from the date they return to Canada, with at least 8 days of isolation in PEI. Test as per current testing guidelines.**

Patient situation	Duration of precautions	Type of precautions
1) Tests positive	Isolate until deemed recovered. A case is deemed recovered if it has been 10-20 days since symptoms began or positive test, as long as the patient feels well. (Immunocompromised or hospitalized cases may require 20 days of isolation, please consult CPHO.)	Droplet/Contact  Airborne for AGMPs
1) Is Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated 2) Has been deemed a close contact to a positive case	14 days from their last contact with the positive case, even with a negative test result. Test as per current testing guidelines	Droplet/Contact  Airborne for AGMPs
1) Is fully vaccinated 2) Has been deemed a close contact to a positive case 3) Asymptomatic	Monitor for symptoms and test as per current testing guidelines.  If symptoms develop, then isolate immediately and test.	Droplet/Contact  Airborne for AGMPs
1) Meets testing criteria 2) Has not travelled as per their vaccine status 3) has NOT been exposed to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case and 4) Tests negative	If there is no other infectious disease diagnosis, isolation may be discontinued	Droplet/Contact  Airborne for AGMPs  Until negative test results
1) Asymptomatic patients 2) Not on precautions 3) Being tested at the request of another facility	No Precautions required	

If patient is discharged prior to their isolation being completed and they meet the criteria for home self-isolation, please provide patient with at home [self-isolation information](#). Please contact your local Infection Control Professional when a patient is being discharged, we will gather the required information to have the patient added to Operation Isolation.