

Should I go into Hospice?

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Note: this document is for guidance only. If you have any symptoms of COVID or you have any contact with someone who has symptoms or tests positive you must call ON CALL/supervisor for direction before coming into work

COVID -19 Scenario	Action for Patient Facing Staff and Volunteers
1. Have COVID Symptoms including cold or flu symptoms or gastrointestinal type symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify Supervisor/On-call • Stay home and obtain a PCR test • Return to work if PCR negative, if you are fully vaccinated and symptoms improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if Gastrointestinal symptoms)
2. You have tested COVID positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify supervisor/ On-call • Stay home and isolate for 10 days • Your supervisor will discuss with you when you are able to return to work (this is included in below (exposed to close contact)
3. You have been exposed to a close contact (e.g. living in household or direct, prolonged contact) who has tested COVID positive or is symptomatic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify supervisor/on call • Stay Home and self-isolate for 10 days from the time your contact tested positive • You may return to work on day 7 of isolation if you have a negative PCR test or 2 negative rapid antigen tests on Day 6 and 7- must consult with your supervisor • Work self isolation may be utilized dependent on staffing needs- please follow the direction of your supervisor
4. You have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID but is not a close contact (e.g. you do not live with the person or did not have prolonged direct contact.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify supervisor/On-call • If you are fully vaccinated, and have no symptoms, you can return to work • You must closely self-monitor for development of symptoms. • Consider Rapid Testing prior to shifts but it is not mandatory

Note: as a health care worker or volunteer in a high risk setting you are eligible for PCR testing.
 For most recent Ontario guidelines see: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures>

¹ Fully vaccinated means it has been greater than 14 days since your 2nd dose of the vaccine