



CANADIAN PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION ISOLATION PROTOCOL

This Protocol should be read together with the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA) Guideline for Returning to In-Person Education.

For the purpose of this Protocol, the term “attendees” refers to students, educators, examiners, and assistants. The “COVID-19 Designate” is as defined in the CPA Guideline for Returning to In-Person Education.

This Protocol applies for all in-person training and testing programs and shall be considered in light of all current applicable government directives pertaining to COVID-19 testing and isolation. This Protocol does not supersede or replace any government directives. The current and applicable government and College directives must be followed and the directions herein are meant only to supplement those directives.

Positive Screening

Where an attendee completes a pre-screen via phone or an in-person screening with positive results, the screener must advise the attendee that the screener is obligated to contact the COVID-19 Designate and that the attendee cannot attend the course or the training facility. The attendee should be instructed to self-isolate and seek medical attention.

The attendee is prohibited from participating in any in-person course programming or attending any CPA office or training facility until the earlier of two negative COVID-19 provincially regulated tests or the expiry of 14 days with none of the symptoms listed on the Screening Questionnaire found [here \(insert hyperlink\)](#).

Confirmed or Expected Contact with Positive COVID-19 Patient

Where an attendee learns that he or she has or likely has come into contact (within 2 metres) of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 through a provincially regulated test while he or she was not wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), the attendee must self isolate and monitor his/her symptoms. The attendee should be directed to attend a provincially regulated facility for COVID-19 testing if symptoms present or if testing is available in the jurisdiction for asymptomatic people.

Until the attendee has obtained a negative test result for COVID-19 from a provincially regulating facility and cleared by Public Health or has been in self-isolation for 14 days with no symptoms, he or she will not be permitted to participate in any in-person course programming or attend on-site at any CPA office or training facility.



Positive or Presumed Positive COVID-19 Test Result

Where an attendee obtains a positive or presumed positive COVID-19 test result after having been on-site at a CPA office or training facility, the COVID-19 Designate alerted to this positive test must immediately:

1. Alert the appropriate government agency;
2. Advise the attendee that they must follow the self-isolation procedures established by the applicable government agency;
3. Attempt to obtain the following information from the attendee:
 - a. The date of the positive test;
 - b. The date their symptoms first developed;
 - c. Whether the attendee was on-site at any CPA office or training facility within 14 days prior to the positive test result and anytime after the positive test result. If so, which one, where, and when;
 - d. Identify all other attendees and CPA employees with whom the attendee had “close contact” (within 2 metres) or with whom they were in close contact of bodily fluids (sneezing, coughing) during that same time period;
4. Attempt to contact those individuals who were believed to be in “close contact” with the attendee and request that they self isolate and obtain a COVID-19 test from a provincially regulated facility. Advise each of those individuals that they are not permitted in any CPA office or training facility until they have received a negative COVID-19 test result or until they have self-isolated and have experienced no symptoms for 14 days.
5. Advise all other CPA employees and attendees to self monitor for symptoms and, if the symptoms develop, to self-isolate, contact Public Health, and contact the COVID-19 Designate.

NOTE: The identity of the employee who has obtained a positive or presumed positive test for COVID-19 shall not be disclosed by the CPA or the COVID-19 Designate until legal advice on this issue has been obtained.

The COVID-19 Designate must determine whether it is appropriate to temporarily close a CPA office or training facility in order to keep CPA employees and attendees safe. The COVID-19



Designate will immediately arrange to source a company specialized in sterilization to complete a thorough cleaning and disinfection of any appropriate CPA offices or training facilities.

Until the attendee who tested positive for COVID-19 has obtained two negative test results for COVID-19 from a provincially regulating facility or has been cleared by Public Health to end self-isolation, he or she will not be permitted to participate in any in-person course programming or attend on-site at any CPA office or training facility.