

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #187b – COVID-19 – ID-IPC – Updated Patient and Visitor Screening Poster – Dec 23 2021

**COVID-19 Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Guidance:
Patient and Visitor Active Screening Poster**

The ID-IPC COVID-19 Committee reviewed Horizon's *COVID-19 Active Screening Tool Patient/Visitor Access to Facilities* screening poster focusing on the symptoms of COVID-19. Based on recent published data on predictive symptoms for COVID-19 in the community and in response to the increase in COVID-19 activity, the Committee recommended that the symptom criteria be expanded to include the following:

- Shortness of breath
- Loss of appetite
- Nasal congestion will be included with runny nose
- Chills will remain as a sign of fever

Effective Dec. 23, 2021 all patients and visitors will be screened for the following clinical signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever (signs of fever) (e.g., chills, feeling cold, shivers, etc.)
- A new cough, or worsening chronic cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Runny nose/nasal congestion
- Headache
- A new onset of fatigue
- A new onset of muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Loss of sense of taste
- Loss of sense of smell
- In children, purple markings on the fingers and toes

Note: The revised clinical signs and symptoms of COVID-19 will also be included on the

passive screening tool for health care workers.

