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Dear Health Care Partner:

**RE: Individuals who fail COVID-19 screening at your premises**

Thank you for your ongoing vigilance in monitoring clients for COVID-19 as they come into your premises. Active screening of both clients and staff are important practices to limit the transmission of COVID-19, especially among ill and vulnerable members of our community.

As per directions from the Ministry of Health Emergency Operations Centre (MEOC), a positive screen is not considered a “probable” case of COVID-19 and does not need to be reported to public health. These individuals (probable cases of COVID-19) should be confirmed through testing or diagnosed by an attending physician.

When an individual ‘screens in’ as having increased risk of COVID-19, they should be tested COVID-19. Ideally, testing of this individual should be offered and carried out immediately on-site at your premises. Alternatively the client should be directed to go to one of the three local COVID-19 Assessment Centres in York Region at [Markham-Stouffville Hospital](#), [Mackenzie Health](#) or [Southlake Regional Health Centre](#).

COVID-19 testing is readily available to the public. Anyone identified through screening with potential symptoms of COVID-19 or has a risk of COVID-19 following an exposure, should get tested right away. These individuals should also be advised to self-isolate immediately until they receive the results of their test. For more information on how to self-isolate, please refer to [york.ca/covid19](http://york.ca/covid19).

If you have any questions, please contact York Region Public Health at 1-800-361-5653 for general inquiries or 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77280 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to speak with someone on our dedicated health professionals line.

For information on COVID-19 in York Region, please visit [york.ca/covid19](http://york.ca/covid19).

Thank you for your ongoing support and please share this communication with your staff,

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