COVID-19 PUBLIC SCREENING TOOL – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1. Q: What is the screening procedure and tool?

A: The Township has compiled a list of a few simple questions on the basis of direction from the Medical Officer of Health to determine whether or not a person may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. The Township will use paper copies at facilities if access to the digital process is unavailable. The screening takes less than 2 minutes to complete. Upon receipt of a 'green checkmark', patrons may enter the facility. If the screening identifies that the patron may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, they may not enter the facility and should seek medical attention immediately. This information may be provided to York Region Public Health if the patron has recently been in a Township facility or vehicle.

2. Q: Why has the Township implemented a mandatory screening tool to enter a municipal facility?

A: The screening tool is an additional measure (along with mandatory masks per requirements in place under York Region) to protect the health and safety of staff and visitors. The tool also ensures that all facility users are logged in the event that this information is required by York Region Public Health for contact tracing should there be evidence that a COVID-infected individual was in the building. Contact tracing assists in containing the spread of COVID-19.

3. Q: Can I do this from home or on my phone?

A: Yes, the public is encouraged to complete the screening prior to arriving at a reopened Township facility as long as it is the same day (http://screening.king.ca). To expedite the entry process, please have the PASS result ready to show the Township representative upon entry. You can do this by any means, including printing the result or showing the result on your mobile phone via a screenshot, emailed result or browser window.

4. Q: Do I have to provide my name and contact information?

A: Yes, this information is required for the purposes of contact tracing by York Region Public Health. In the event that the municipality learns someone at a municipal facility may have been exposed to COVID-19, the Township will provide York Region Public Health with the contact tracing list.

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- 5. Q: Can a parent/guardian complete one screening option for themselves and declare that the rest of the family/group positively has answered the screening questions?A: No, each person (including children), must have a form filled out. Contact information can be the parent/guardian for the child.
- 6. Q: Do I have to go through the screening each time if I am going to multiple Township facilities within the same day?

A: Yes. Due to the need to support contact tracing at each facility, it is important that all visits to municipal facilities are logged.

7. Q: How does the Township keep my information private?

A: Information collected from the screening tool will only be accessible to Human Resources staff, the Township's system administrators and York Region Public Health, if requested for purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25. The information will be retained only for 12 months from the date of submission.

8. Q: What if I refuse to go through the screening tool?

A: The Township is taking every precaution to ensure the health and safety of our staff and visitors. As the facilities open to the public, we are looking to provide a consistent tool experience across all facilities. Anyone who refuses to go through the screening tool will not be allowed into the facility.

9. Q: Where can I learn more about the Township's efforts to safeguard staff and the community against COVID-19?

A: The public is also encouraged to visit the Township's COVID-19 Information Hub which is updated regularly. For the latest COVID-19 related updates, visit our webpage at http://covid19.king.ca.

10. Q: Can Township services still be accessed electronically so I do not have to travel to the Municipal Centre or other Township facilities?

A: Yes, we encourage people to take advantage of services available on-line. More information can be found on the Township's website at www.king.ca.