

Additional Workplace Screening Requirements Now in Force

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On February 26, 2021, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario updated its [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Businesses and Organizations \(Screening Workers\)](#) and its [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Businesses and Organizations \(Screening Patrons\)](#). Under the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19 Act, 2020\)](#) and its associated [regulations](#), every business or organization to which the screening tools apply must ensure these tools comply with the updated requirements.

To this end, please note **two new screening requirements** specifically related to household members of a worker or patron:

- In regards to travel outside of Canada, a worker or patron must also answer the question, “In the last 14 days, have you **or anyone you live with** travelled outside of Canada?” (emphasis added).
- A new question requires a worker or patron to answer the question, “**Is anyone you live with currently experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms and/or waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms**”? If the answer is yes, the worker or patron must be advised to stay home until the sick individual gets a negative COVID-19 test result, is cleared by their local public health unit, or is diagnosed with another illness.

To learn more and for assistance, contact your Sherrard Kuzz LLP lawyer or, if you are not yet a client of our firm, contact us at info@sherrardkuzz.com with the re line: COVID-19.



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