Asymptomatic Testing Consent Script

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Pharmacist script – voluntary patient asymptomatic testing

- Hi, I am____and I'm a_____(position).
- I want to confirm you have requested to have testing for COVID-19.
    - If yes continue with script.
    - If no, conversation ends, thank them for their time.

- In order to provide consent for COVID-19 testing, I need to ensure you understand what a positive COVID-19 test means. Can we go over that now?
    - If yes, review below information with the patient.
    - If they decline, end conversation and thank them for their time.

- *The COVID-19 test detects if the virus is in your mouth.*
- *As long as you remain asymptomatic, you do not need to self-isolate while you are waiting for your result.*
- *Tests for COVID-19 can only detect the virus at the time of the swab collection and provide only a point in time result. If your test result is negative, you may still go on to develop COVID-19 if you have been exposed in the last 14 days.*
- *It is important that you understand what it means if your COVID-19 test is positive.*
- *By law, you must self-isolate for at least 10 days after a positive test result, even if you do not have any symptoms. If you get any symptoms, you must stay in self-isolation for 10 days after your symptoms appear or until your symptoms have cleared, whichever is later.*
- *If you test positive, anyone who has been in close contact with you would also, by law, self-isolate for at least 14 days and watch for symptoms.*
- *Very rarely, the COVID-19 test is falsely positive. This would mean you do not have the virus and you cannot pass it to anyone. You would still need to self-isolate because there is no way to tell if a positive result is a true positive or a false positive.*
- *By taking the self-assessment and asking for a test, you acknowledge you understand the information above.*
    - Are you comfortable proceeding with the test? If yes, proceed with test.
    - If no, end conversation and thank them for their time.

The testing involves a throat swab which will be done by a member of our care team.
- We will proceed with the test now.
- You might experience some mild discomfort.
- You can choose to be notified of your test results by an SMS text message from AHS sent to your mobile device or you may choose to receive an autodialer voice message from AHS at a phone number you provide. In addition, a pharmacist will reach out to you with your test results to ensure you have received it.
- If you opt in to receive your test result through SMS text messaging or automated voice message, your result could be displayed on your phone's screen through a text message, or played through your voicemail by anyone who has access to your phone. Please adjust the settings on your phone to meet your privacy preferences. Please also note that results texts can be delivered anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Autodialer phone calls will be delivered between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., seven days a week.
- All individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will also be contacted by a member of the AHS Public Health team.
- Can we notify your family physician with your test results? If so, please provide their name.

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- Offering COVID-19 testing to asymptomatic patients is part of the overall COVID-19 screening that we are doing in Alberta to help us better understand the virus and its transmission and determine the number of infections in the community.
- If you have any questions about your health following discharge today, please reach out to Health Link at 811.

- Thank you.

- ***ONLY USE IF PATIENT/CLIENT ASKS WHAT HAPPENS IF TEST IS POSITIVE?***
  If your test result is positive, you will be contacted by Public Health for information and instructions. If you begin to show symptoms prior to being contacted which include a fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat or runny nose, please immediately self-isolate and call 811, or if you are experiencing a medical emergency, please dial 911.

- ***IF PATIENT/CLIENT EXPRESSES CONCERNS/FRUSTRATION:***
  Escalate through standard processes or provide patient/client with the Patient Relations toll-free line: 1-855-550-2555.