**Am I covered by the Manitoba WCB if I have COVID-19?**

Work-related injuries and illnesses, including in some cases COVID-19, have always been and continue to be covered by the WCB and determined on a case-by-case basis.

**Is COVID-19 work-related?**

Most instances of COVID-19 are not work-related. However, the nature and type of work you do may put you at greater risk of contracting the virus than the general public. Nurses, health care aides and other direct care providers in hospitals or long-term care facilities are some examples of workers who may be at greater risk.

**When might a COVID-19 claim be accepted?**

For a COVID-19 claim to be accepted, the WCB must determine that you contracted the virus as a result of an exposure arising out of and in the course of employment.

**How will the WCB make this determination?**

The WCB adjudicates work relatedness and benefit entitlement based on the specific and unique circumstances of each individual case. The WCB gathers information from you and other sources to assist in making this decision.

**How is work-relatedness determined?**

To determine the work-relatedness of COVID-19 claims, the WCB looks at details such as the person’s employment activities, their symptoms and whether they have a diagnosis of COVID-19.

**Do I need a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 to receive WCB benefits?**

While a diagnosis is generally not required, the WCB considers the facts in each case to determine entitlement.

**Does the WCB cover me for self-isolation or quarantine if I'm not sick?**

No, the WCB does not provide coverage when you are quarantined, self-isolating or sent home on a precautionary basis and are symptom free. However, should you develop symptoms during quarantine, you may be eligible for benefits.

**I think I contracted COVID-19 at work. What should I do next?**

If you believe you contracted the virus while at work, you should let your employer know and complete a [**Notice of Injury**](https://www.wcb.mb.ca/sites/default/files/resources/9657%20WCB%20Notice%20of%20Injury%20Web%20Form%202.pdf) form. If you have missed time from work or attended medical treatment, you may [**file a claim**](https://www.wcb.mb.ca/how-to-file-a-claim-workers)with us to determine if you are eligible for benefits.

**I already have a WCB claim. What does this mean for me?**

The WCB continues to make decisions on your claim, share information with you and pay your benefits, where eligible. If you are currently receiving benefits, the WCB encourages you to [**sign up for direct deposit**](https://www.wcb.mb.ca/worker-direct-deposit-form). To ensure timely set up, please email your form to **DirectDeposit@wcb.mb.ca**.