

MN Symptom Screener



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the MN Symptom Screener?

[MN Symptom Screener](#) is a digital tool designed for businesses and organizations to screen COVID-19 health-related symptoms of employees and other people entering their facilities, to help manage and promote a healthy and safe workplace and environment.

Using a few simple questions and recording an optional daily temperature check, this web-based tool allows businesses and organizations to gather non-personal, anonymous information to help assess the health of anyone entering their facilities.

The MN Symptom Screener tool provides organizations with a daily snapshot of the health indicators of people about to enter a facility or workplace, and it allows businesses and organizations to access anonymized reports that help identify health trends and shape the organization's response.

Who can use the screening tool?

MN Symptom Screener is available to any business or organization that wants to use it, free of charge, at mnsymptomscreener.minnesotasafetycouncil.org.

The screening is administered by an organization's designated health screener and is not meant to be used by individuals to assess their own health.

Minnesota IT Services and the Target Corporation worked together to develop the tool as another resource businesses and organizations can use to keep Minnesotans safe as we begin to open the state's economy.

How do businesses and organizations sign up?

Businesses and organizations need to register online to be able to use the tool. The person who registers the business or organization is the administrator of the account. To sign up:

- Establish or use a Gmail (Google Email) account.
- Go to mnsymptomscreener.minnesotasafetycouncil.org to get started.
- Note: entering a Minnesota Tax ID is optional.

Registration instructions are included in the [MN Symptom Screener User Guide](#) as well as a link to help set up a free Gmail account for each person using the application.

The tool works best on mobile devices, but it can be accessed on a desktop or laptop computer as well.

How can organizations and businesses collect, access, and use the data?

Organizations should designate health screeners to collect the data using the MN Symptom Screener at each entry of an organization or place of business. The screener tool stores the anonymized data in a report that the tool administrator(s) in each organization can access and review.

Organizations can use these reports to track trends in temperature or other symptom reporting among employees and visitors. Using the information, organization and business decision-makers can establish health-related plans, policies, and procedures for employees, customers, and visitors.

Businesses and organizations can refer to the [Minnesota Department of Health](#) or [Minnesota COVID-19 Response](#) for health-related guidance and resources.

Does the MN Symptom Screener protect privacy?

Yes, the MN Symptom Screener is built to industry standards. Each company or organization owns its own data – they are not required to share it with the state of Minnesota or with anyone else. The tool is not set up for anyone to be able to track an individual employee, visitor, or customer’s health data. Use of the MN Symptom Screener is voluntary.

Data retention

Administrators are advised that there is a 10-day data retention period before the data is deleted. However, administrators are able to download the data if they want to retain the information for a longer period of time.