

Patient Actions: Enhanced Droplet / Contact Precautions⁺⁺

- Maintain 2 metre (6 feet) distance
- Instruct person and escort to clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub
- Provide a mask to person and escort
- Isolate immediately and complete triage. If not able to **isolate**, move into a designated segregated waiting area
- Single room in ED/UC if admitted
- Notify site IP&C /designate of suspect COVID 19
- Terminal clean when discharged

Staff PPE Requirements for Enhanced Droplet / Contact Precautions⁺⁺

- Surgical mask
- Eye protection
- Gown
- Gloves
- Hand hygiene before donning and at each step of doffing

Airborne and Droplet/Contact precautions for aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMPs) ⁺⁺

- Staff uses N95 if performing AGMPs in addition to PPE as per Enhanced Droplet/Contact Precautions⁺⁺ (Box 1)
- Staff to use AGMP Intubation PPE * (Box 2) when intubating
- Terminal clean when discharged

AGMPs – Non-intubation⁺ PPE (Box 1)

- N95 mask
- Eye protection/face shield
- Gown
- Gloves
- Hand hygiene before donning and at each step of doffing

AGMP: Intubation* PPE (Box 2)

- N95 mask
- Eye protection/face shield with *neck bib**
- Gown*
- Gloves- cover gown cuff
- *Head covering**
- *Booties**
- Hand hygiene before donning and at each step of doffing

NOTE: *Head covering, face shield with neck bib, booties and impervious gown are discretionary based on high volume body fluid exposure potential

ED/UC staff Communication:

IP&C considerations

- All staff are to communicate any IP&C considerations to all staff involved in caring for the patient including porters, lab, imaging, allied health and transport staff

Lab requisitions:

- Please write “URGENT- HCW” on the top of the requisition if the specimen is from a Health Care Worker (includes physicians) and needs to be prioritized to inform a return to work decision.
- Requisitions must be fully completed in order to be processed. Inpatient status, travel history and symptoms must be noted on the requisition.

Patient Education/Communication:

- All patients who have been swabbed are to be advised that they will be contacted with results.
- Patient to maintain self-isolation for 14 days or until your symptoms have resolved- whichever is longer, regardless of testing or result if they have met the screening criteria
- Provide patient with COVID 19 fact sheet(s)

COVID 19 Screening and Interventions in ED/UC

Screening Criteria *(Screening criteria are intended to supplement clinical judgement, not supersede it)*

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In the past 14 days:

- Returned from **travel outside Manitoba**; **OR**
- Had *exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19; **OR**
- Had laboratory exposure, in a person who works directly with biological specimens known to contain COVID-19

NOTE: Health care providers should confirm setting AND how individual was notified.

- ***Exposure** may include scenarios like: large events or settings with confirmed case(s) of COVID-19;

AND

Any of the following “cold or flu” symptoms:

- fever
- cough
- runny nose
- sore throat
- weakness
- headache

ALL persons accompanying patients **MUST BE SCREENED** prior to entering the ED/UC.

