

Respiratory Illness

Assessing the Need for Additional Precautions in Acute Care (Isolation)

- Does the individual have symptoms of respiratory illness?
- Does the individual have any one or more of the following new or worsening symptoms:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Difficulty breathing (Neonates: also consider apnea)
 - Increased O2 requirement or decreased O2 saturation
 - Sore throat/painful swallowing/hoarse voice
 - Runny nose/nasal congestion/sneezing
 - Fever/chills/rigors (Adult: higher than 37.8 C; Pediatrics: 38 C or higher (If sole symptom, should be reviewed with other symptoms, history, physical exam, etc.)
- For expanded symptoms of COVID-19 see the Communicable Disease (Respiratory) Initial or Daily Screening in Connect Care.

YES

Contact and Droplet Precautions

Cohorting

Patient placement:

- Single room with hard walls and door
- Review for Cohorting if single room not available

For AGMP:

- Single room with 4 walls and door only;
- Ensure door is closed;
- Use N95 + eye protection;
- Only essential staff in room.

If available, place patient in an airborne isolation room and refer to COVID-19 specific information and Interim Recommendations.

[Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure Guidance Tool](#)

Is tuberculosis suspected?

- Cough AND
- Hemoptysis
 - Fever
 - night sweats
 - unintentional weight loss
 - or history of TB

YES

AIRBORNE PRECAUTIONS

- Put procedure mask on patient
 - Place patient in a single room with a closed door
- Management of Patients Requiring Airborne Isolation*
- Consult [TB Services](#) as needed
 - Notify IPC

NO

Contact and Droplet Precautions

Review any required additional precautions once diagnosis is confirmed
Acute Care Diseases and Conditions Table

NO

ROUTINE PRACTICES

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If communicable disease is ruled out

For further information refer to the Resource Manual on the Infection Prevention and Control Website: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page6854.aspx>

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