

Respiratory Illness

Assessing the Need for Additional Precautions (Isolation)

Does the individual have symptoms of Influenza-like Illness (ILI)?

ADULTS

Sudden onset of NEW cough or change in existing cough

PLUS one or more of the following:

- Fever** ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ on arrival or by history)
- Sore throat
- Joint pain
- Muscle aches
- Severe exhaustion/weakness

PEDIATRIC - Sudden onset of any of the following symptoms: runny nose, cough, sneezing, +/- fever and under age 5 gastrointestinal symptoms may be present

****over age 65 or under age 5 fever may not be present****

For expanded symptoms related to COVID-19, refer to this [Link](#).

YES

NO

Has patient traveled in the past 14 days to any countries where novel respiratory virus is circulating? (e.g., novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), MERS-CoV, avian influenza, etc.)

Note: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/en/>

YES

NO

Is tuberculosis suspected?

YES

NO

1. Put procedure mask on patient and place patient immediately in a separate space (2m or physical barrier)
2. **Notify IPC**

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Put procedure mask on patient. Notify IPC and refer to: IPC Diseases and Conditions Table and/or local TB Services

ROUTINE PRACTICES

1. Initiate **Contact & Droplet Precautions**
 2. Patient placement:
 - Single room with hard walls and door (Contact IPC if 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
- Refer to [Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure Guidance Tool](#)

For COVID-19 specific information: refer to [COVID-19 Interim IPC Recommendation](#)

- Initiate **Contact & Droplet Precautions**
- Place patient in walled or curtained bed space with $\geq 2\text{m}$ separation from other patients
 - Use N95 + eye protection for AGMP
- Refer to [Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure Guidance Tool](#)

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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