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** (≥ 38°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 5 fever may not be present**
- For expanded symptoms related to COVID-19, refer to this Link.

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/

Is COVID-19 suspected or confirmed?

For COVID-19 specific information refer to COVID-19 Interim IPC Recommendations

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

For COVID-19 specific information refer to:

1. Initiate Modified Respiratory 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 and refer to:
       Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure Guidance Tool

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Is tuberculosis suspected?

If yes, refer to:
- Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure Guidance Tool

Routine Practices


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