Provincial Pre-Triage for COVID-19 for Adult and Pediatric Patients
in Emergency Departments/Urgent Care Centres  September 25, 2020  1445h

All Patients and Visitors Arriving

- Approved signage visible prior to entry
- Pre-triage area staff perform hand hygiene, wear continuous mask, eye protection, and gown
- Protective Services (where available) perform hand hygiene, wear continuous mask, eye protection, and gown

COVID-19 Case Definition and ILI Screening

Screen patient and visitor for COVID-19/ILI

Positive

Patient: mandatory hand hygiene and mask*

Triage to appropriate treatment space or holding area

Negative

Unable to screen

{consider social separation}

Patient to waiting room or treatment space

*Patient to regular triage: mandatory hand hygiene and mask*

If over capacity consider co-horting in separate geographic location

*AHS provided mask only

Symptomatic EMS Patients

- EMS will conduct COVID-19/ILI screen

Contact ED prior to arrival and await direction for appropriate treatment space

Discontinue nebulized medication administration, BVM ventilation, and NIV prior to entering ED*

Bypass triage and go directly to assigned treatment space

*Continue ventilation through an advanced airway (ETT or SGA); Continue chest compressions (chest compressions alone are not AGMP); Continue dry oxygen under procedure mask.

Patients From Assessment Centres

Assessment centres will contact ED’s using approved pathway for symptomatic unwell patients as determined by their ZEOC.