Ambulatory Communicable Disease Screening

All sections must be fully assessed and completed. If lab testing is indicated, follow your normal site/department processes. For more information see the IPC COVID-19 Interim Recommendations.

Part 1 - Patient Current Status

☐ Unable to assess patient’s symptoms due to patient’s physical or mental status. Implement Contact & Droplet Precautions. Use usual process for COVID-19 testing.

Part 2 - Symptom Set Assessment within the last 7 days

Review ALL symptom sets and follow actions required as appropriate.

Part 2A

COVID-19 Core Respiratory Symptoms

☐ New or worse:
  - Cough
  - 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.)
  - Shortness of breath, increased O₂ requirement, difficulty breathing
  - Sore throat/painful swallowing
  - Runny nose/nasal congestion

COVID-19 Gastrointestinal (GI) Symptoms

☐ New or worse:
  - 2 or more episodes of vomiting and/or diarrhea

Seasonal ILI Symptoms (see below), plus one of the following:
  - immunocompromised, critical respiratory failure, or outbreak investigation
  - Adults: New or changed cough AND fever (38°C or higher) AND any of the following: sore throat, joint pain, muscle ache, extreme exhaustion/weakness
  - Pediatrics: cough OR sneezing OR runny nose

Part 2B

Pertussis Symptoms

☐ Cough AND one or more other Pertussis Symptoms
  - Paroxysms, inspiratory ‘whoop’ cough ending in gagging/vomiting
  - Neonates: also consider apnea

Part 2C

Tuberculosis (TB) Symptoms

☐ Cough AND any other Tuberculosis (TB) Symptoms
  - Hemoptysis, fever, night sweats, unintentional weight loss, or history of TB

Measles and Varicella Symptoms

☐ Fever AND Rash, AND International travel in last month
☐ Fever AND Rash AND potential Measles Exposure
☐ Fever AND Rash AND potential Varicella Exposure

Part 2D

☐ No above symptoms present: Follow Routine Practices (including continuous masking/eye protection and Point of Care Risk Assessment)

Part 3 - COVID-19 Expanded Symptoms

COVID-19 Expanded Symptoms:

☐ New/worse AND unexplained:
  - Headache, muscle/joint pain, fatigue/extreme exhaustion,
  - Nausea/sudden loss of appetite, loss of/change to sense of smell or taste,
  - Conjunctivitis/red eye/conjunctival edema, altered mental status,
  - any additional COVID-19 symptoms at clinician’s discretion

☐ No above symptoms present: Follow Routine Practices (including continuous masking/eye protection and Point of Care Risk Assessment)

Actions Required

If checked
Defer exam/appointment if possible and advise patient to go home and call 811.

OR
If exam cannot be deferred, implement Contact and Droplet precautions due to symptoms regardless of test results.

Continue to 2B

Part 2B

If checked
Defer exam/appointment if possible and advise patient to go home and call 811.

OR
If exam cannot be deferred, during COVID-19 implement Contact and Droplet precautions due to symptoms regardless of testing.

Continue to 2C

Part 2C

If checked
DO NOT proceed with appointment.
Place in Airborne Isolation room or private room and during COVID-19 implement Airborne and Contact and Droplet precautions ASAP (ensure door is closed).
Notify physician and MRHP for further assessment.

Continue to 2D

Part 2D

Continue to Part 3

Part 3 - COVID-19 Expanded Symptoms

Actions Required

Follow Routine Practices (including Point of Care Risk Assessment)

Use usual process for COVID-19 testing.

Continue to Part 4
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### Part 4 - COVID-19 Risk Factors (check all that apply)

- **Close contact** with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 within 14 days before illness onset
- Associated with a COVID-19 outbreak at any healthcare unit/facility, congregate living or other setting (e.g., workplace or social gathering) within the last 14 days. Refer to link: [COVID-19 outbreak](#)
- **Close contact** with a person with acute respiratory illness who has travelled anywhere outside of Canada in the 14 days before their illness
- **Travelled** anywhere outside of Canada within the last 14 days
- COVID-19 test; positive COVID-19 within the last 14 days or currently pending
- **Had laboratory exposure to biological material known to contain COVID-19 virus within the last 14 days**
- **Direction has been given for the patient to remain on Contact & Droplet Precautions**

*A close contact is someone who:
- Provided direct care for the case, *(including HCW, family members or other caregivers)*, or who had other similar close physical contact (e.g., intimate partner, hug, kiss, handshake) without consistent and appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), OR
- Lived with or otherwise had close prolonged contact which may be cumulative, i.e., multiple interactions for a total of 15 min or more and within two metres with a case without consistent and appropriate use of PPE and not isolating, OR
- Had direct contact with infectious body fluids of a case (e.g., shared cigarettes, glasses/bottles, eating utensils) or was coughed or sneezed on while not wearing recommended PPE.

- **No symptoms or risk factors present:** Follow Routine Practices *(including continuous masking/eye protection and Point of Care Risk Assessment).*

### Part 5 - Previously positive COVID-19 (recovered/cleared)

If COVID-19 positive, greater than 14 days but within previous 90 days, do not retest for COVID-19 unless the patient has

- **new COVID-19 symptoms**

AND

has one of the following:

- **New COVID-19 risk factor (Part 4)**
- Immunocompromised - may refer to link for additional detail. [https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/healthinfo/ipc/hi-ipc-immunocompromised-patients.pdf](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/healthinfo/ipc/hi-ipc-immunocompromised-patients.pdf)
- Healthcare Worker
- **Severe COVID-19 Illness (e.g., progressing pneumonia)**

**Actions Required**

If symptoms present implement Contact & Droplet Precautions

Contact MRHP to order other tests and investigations as clinically indicated.

If the clinician decides to retest for COVID-19 because of concerns about the risk of reinfection, a nasopharyngeal swab should be taken and a Respiratory Pathogen Panel (RPP) should also be ordered.

Notify IPC as per site process

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