COVID-19 ED/UC ALGORITHM

Maintain spatial separation. Staff asks *In the past 14 days have you*:

- Returned from travel, including outside Manitoba; OR
- Had exposure* to a confirmed case of COVID-19; OR
- Had laboratory exposure working directly with biological specimens that contain COVID-19 OR
- Are you a symptomatic (respiratory symptoms) health-care worker? OR
- Are you a symptomatic resident or worker in a remote or isolated community or congregate setting, such as a correctional facility, shelter, long term care or residential facility, or a remote work camp?

*Health-care provider should confirm setting and how individual was notified.

Screening criteria are intended to supplement clinical judgement, not supersede it

**Yes**

- **Implement Enhanced Droplet/Contact Precautions***
  - Maintain 2 metre (6 feet) distance
  - Instruct person and escort to clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub
  - Provide mask to person & escort
  - Isolate immediately both symptomatic and asymptomatic. If not able, move into designated segregated waiting area

**No**

- **Routine Practices. Instruct person (and escort) to clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub**
- **Isolate immediately both symptomatic and asymptomatic.**
  - If not able, move into designated segregated waiting area

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**Enhanced Droplet/Contact Precautions***

- **Single room. Airborne precautions for aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMPs).**
- Staff use N95 if performing AGMPs
- **Ask: Do you have any cold or flu symptoms?**
  - **ONLY Test for COVID-19** IF SYMPTOMATIC
    - On requisition indicate travel/contact details, symptoms and “Suspect COVID-19”
    - Clearly identify on requisition if person is an inpatient, a health care worker, or a resident of a remote/isolated community or congregate setting
    - Notify site IP&C/designate

**SYMPTOMATIC** persons tested for COVID-19:

- If not admitting, advise to self-isolate at home and maintain until asymptomatic and have reached the end of the self-isolation period
- Provide fact sheet(s)

**ASYMPTOMATIC** persons meeting COVID-19 exposure criteria:

- **DO NOT TEST.** If not admitting, advise to self-isolate at home and maintain until reaching end of self-isolation period. If symptoms develop during self-isolation period, maintain self-isolation until symptoms resolve and/or end of 14 day period, whichever is longer. Call Health Links—Info Santé before going to UC/ED or call 911 if an emergency, advise healthcare providers in advance.
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**Droplet/Contact Precautions**

- **Single room preferred**

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**+ Exposure includes attendance at large group settings where someone has been confirmed to have COVID-19.**

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**If escort present and required for patient assistance, screen escort as well**

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**Enhanced Droplet/Contact Precautions may also be referred to as Droplet/Contact and Airborne for aerosol-generating medical procedures**

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**COVID-19 testing: viral testing using a nasopharyngeal (NP) swab or aspirate. More severely ill patients may also require deep lung specimens be submitted, such as sputum, ETT secretions or broncho-alveolar lavage specimens.**

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