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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) worker or volunteer in essential services**; including health-care worker or first responder***? 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? OR
- Are you symptomatic and do you live with a health care worker, first responder or worker in a congregate setting such as correctional facility, shelter, long-term care facility or residential facility?

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

++Essential services are those workplaces permitted to remain open during the shutdown of non-essential workplaces mandated by Public Health orders.

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

**First responders include police, firefighters and paramedics.

*For purpose of IP&C - Patients from Nunavut & NW Ontario are considered Manitobans

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

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.
- Provide fact sheet(s)

Yes

- Implement 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

No

- Enhanced Droplet/Contact Precautions+
  - Single room preferred

Routine Practices.
- 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

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Ask: Do you have any cold or flu symptoms?

Yes

- Maintain 2 metre (6 feet) distance
- Instruct person and escort to clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub
- Provide mask to person & escort

No

- Droplet/Contact Precautions
  - Single room preferred

*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.

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