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

Patients who are unconscious or delirious and thus unable to provide a COVID-19 screening history are to be placed at a minimum on Droplet/Contact Precautions until their status can be clarified.

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**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**

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

**Yes**

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- Instruct person and escort to clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub
- Provide mask to person & escort
- Isolate immediately both symptomatic and asymptomatic

**No**

Routine Practices. Instruct person (and escort) to clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub

**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 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)

*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.

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

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

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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