

Emerging and Travel-Related Infectious Disease Screening Tool

(Facilities/Providers are encouraged to make adaptations necessary to meet their needs)

Front desk/Registration staff

Observe and/or Ask:
Does the patient have respiratory symptoms: sneezing, watery or red eyes, runny nose, (new) cough?

No

Yes

Have patient sit in general waiting area.

Concern: Influenza or other respiratory virus

Action:

- Provide patient with face mask and have them sit ≥ 3 ft. away from others.
- Expedite transfer from common area to consulting room.

Clinician(s)

Ask: Did patient travel outside the continental U.S. during the past month? OR Anytime during pregnancy (if pregnant, post-partum, infant)?
Also inquire about unusual exposure (such as to sick birds, wildlife or sick returned travelers) in U.S. or abroad.

Yes

No

Ask: Does patient have any combination of these symptoms?:

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| • Fever | • Difficulty breathing/ Shortness of breath | • Joint pain |
| • Severe headache or muscle pain | • Sore throat or runny nose | • Cough |
| • Diarrhea/Vomiting/ Abdominal pain | • Conjunctivitis | • Unexplained bleeding |
| • Weakness/ (new) fatigue | • Rash | |

Yes

No

Concern: Need to rule out highly contagious emerging infection. Call DPH **immediately** (24/7) to report at 888-295-5156. Be ready to provide:

- Countries to which patient traveled
- Date/approximate dates of travel and return
- Patient name and date of birth
- Patient contact (phone, address)
- Symptoms patient is having
- Pregnancy/post-partum status

DPH states low risk

Pregnant, post-partum or infant?

No

Yes

Call DPH as soon as possible at 888-295-5156 to report (if not already done)

DPH guidance pending OR DPH states high risk

- Evaluate patient as appropriate based on presenting complaints.
- Use standard precautions and good hand hygiene with all patients.
- For patients with respiratory symptoms, examining clinicians should use masks, eye covers, and gloves as appropriate.
- NOTE: some travel related illnesses have incubation period > 1 month. If travel more than four weeks ago and consistent symptoms, consider evaluating for travel-related illness.

What to expect from DPH:

- DPH will provide guidance as to whether country to which patient travelled is one of concern.
- DPH will also arrange for patient transport, **if needed**. For those with concerning travel, do not call 911 unless patient needs emergency care and cannot wait for 30-45 minutes to get such care.
- DPH will arrange for laboratory testing to identify emerging infections of concern as appropriate

DPH guidance pending or (per DPH) patient is high infection transmission risk. Do the following:

1. Move patient to a room with a door, separate from others.
2. Minimize the number of staff who interact with patient to the lowest number that can safely care for the patient.
3. Ensure that room has a phone so staff and patient can interact back and forth while minimizing close face-to-face time.
4. Staff caring for patient are to use PPE (at the minimum impervious gown, double gloves, face mask and eye cover).
5. If room does not have a private bathroom, provide a portable bedside commode.
6. Practice safe PPE removal and good hand hygiene at all times.