

IPC Rapid Assessment and Triage for Emergency Department/Urgent Care Patients Presenting with Potential Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF)/Ebola

Does patient have history of or documented **fever (>38.0°C)**, other symptoms of infection or unexplained bleeding/bruising in last 24 hours??

YES

NO

Has patient travelled to any countries where VHF is circulating in the **21 days prior** to symptom onset?

Available at
[Canadian travel health notices](#)

NO

Follow [IPC Risk Assessment](#) and
[Routine Practices](#)
or symptom based additional precautions

YES

- No vital signs or further assessment to be done in triage/ED/UCC until patient is isolated.
- Triage HCP to don [contact and droplet PPE](#).
- Place a procedure/surgical mask on the patient.
- Maintain a distance of 2m from patient at triage and until patient is in isolation room.
- As QUICKLY as possible, place patient in single room with hard walls, a door and a dedicated toilet or commode.
- If the patient must wait for the room to be prepared:
 - Patient should be isolated at the triage area or another area in the Emergency Dept (ED)/ Urgent Care Centre (UCC) where access can be controlled. Maintain a distance of 2m from other patients. All staff to wear PPE within 2m of patient.
 - If patient was transported by EMS then have patient wait in ambulance.

Immediately notify ED/UCC Physician or Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Charge Nurse.

The ED/UCC Physician or NP will **contact the MOH and IPC as soon as possible**.
IPC will add VHF rule out into Connect Care (as applicable).

- Once patient is in single room use [Contact & Droplet Precautions: Suspected/ Confirmed Viral Hemorrhagic Fever](#) including**:
 - surgical mask, faceshield, hair cover and full neck hood;
 - leg covers and fluid impermeable gown OR coverall;
 - gloves and apron.
- Initiate logging of everyone entering the patient's room.
- Don VHF PPE following the sequences here:
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/ipc/Page10531.aspx#ebola>
- Contact CPSM if any concerns about PPE supplies.

Do not start IVs, draw blood or collect other samples until patient is seen by the ED/UCC physician or NP.
Any and all lab testing (including urine samples) must be approved by zone MOH.

Once the patient is moved to the isolation room, clean the areas in triage that the patient has been in contact with following the AHS recommended guidelines.

- [ES-CLN-18 Patient Room/Space - Discharge/Transfer \(Isolation\)](#) found on AHS Insite: Home>Teams>Nutrition, Food, Linen & Environmental Services> Policy & Practice Documents.
- [Ebola Waste Management Recommendations](#)

Zone MOH contact information

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