

## Screening for Travel-Associated Infectious Diseases

(Diseases include, but are not limited to, Measles, MERS, avian influenza, Zika, tuberculosis, etc.)

### International Travel + Fever or Symptoms of Illness = Prompt Isolation and Assessment

1. Screen all patients presenting to Children's **upon entry** to the department:
  - a. In the past 30 days, has the patient or an ill household member traveled outside of the U.S?
  - b. Does the patient have fever or symptoms of illness (e.g. flu-like symptoms, vomiting, diarrhea)?
2. If NO to either question, proceed as usual.  
(If a person accompanying patient is ill, follow the [current visiting standards](#).)
3. **IF YES TO BOTH** of the screening questions:
  - a. Have the patient and person(s) accompanying the patient don a mask.
  - b. Ask what country outside of the U.S. they have been to in the past 30 days.
  - c. Transport to an [Airborne Infection Isolation Room](#) (AIIR) (bypassing triage where applicable) for prompt triage and assessment. Patient and person(s) accompanying patient may remove mask once inside room. Keep door closed.
    - o If AIIR is not available, transport to the closest or designated private room. Have patient and person(s) accompanying the patient keep their mask on inside the room. Keep door closed.
  - d. Notify charge nurse and/or provider. For ambulatory locations notify clinician/therapist/manager.
  - e. Precautions for triage and assessment inside room:
    - o Follow airborne precautions (N95 or PAPR)\*, contact precautions (fluid resistant barrier gown and gloves) and use disposable eye protection
    - o Portable exams or procedures that can be brought to the patient and exams or procedures that can be performed in an AIIR are preferred over exams or procedures for which the patient must leave the AIIR room

\*Note: If staff are not part of the respiratory protection program:

- o Staff wear a regular mask.
- o Patient and person(s) accompanying the patient continue to keep their mask on inside the room except as indicated by patient care needs.
- o If disease requiring airborne precautions is suspected, arrange for transport to a location with an AIIR as soon as possible.

- f. If indicated by assessment, consult with the on-call infectious disease provider (via [Amion](#)) to determine if/which travel-associated disease(s) are in the differential diagnosis.
  - o Additional travel-associated disease resources are available on the [Infection Prevention and Control Star Net page](#), including:
    - Information on diseases of concern in a specific country: go to the [destinations section of the CDC Traveler's Health website](#) > select the country > then click on Travel Health Notices
    - [Measles Testing Algorithm](#)
    - [CPO and C. auris Hospital Screening](#)
    - [Zika Virus Testing Guidance](#)
    - [MERS Triage and Testing Decision Grid](#)
- g. **IF** travel-associated infectious diseases are a consideration, immediately page the on-call infection preventionist (952-260-9021) for further guidance.
- h. If travel-associated infectious diseases are not a consideration, adjust precautions accordingly based on symptoms and suspect diagnoses ([empiric precautions](#)).