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Primary Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) Screening**

This screening tool is to be used for immediate triage of patients or staff and for accommodation/cohort of patients prior to further management. This is not intended to be used as a clinical management tool.

Please check for the following:

1. Upper Respiratory Infection YES  No   
(Fever/chills and cough/congestion/SOB)
  
2. History of travel from countries in or near the \*Arabian Peninsula within 14 days before symptom onset?  
OR  
\*\*Close contact with a symptomatic traveler who developed fever and acute respiratory illness within 14 days after traveling from countries in or near the \*Arabian Peninsula?  
OR  
Member of a cluster of patients with severe acute respiratory illness (e.g. fever and pneumonia requiring hospitalization) of unknown etiology in which MERS is being evaluated, in consultation with state and local health departments?
  
3. \*\*Close contact with a confirmed or probable case of MERS while the case was ill AND fever (greater than 100F) or symptoms of respiratory illness within 14 days following? YES  No

### **A patient or staff member is considered under investigation if:**

- **Yes to #1 & #2**
- **Yes to #3**

### **If above criteria met:**

1. Immediately place mask on patient and isolate in private room with the door closed until Airborne isolation in place
2. Call Infection Prevention Nurse ASAP (reportable to health dept within 3 hours and approval for testing needed)

\* Countries considered in the Arabian Peninsula and neighboring include: Bahrain; Iraq; Iran; Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Oman; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syria; the United Arab Emirates (UAE); and Yemen

\*\*Close contact is defined as a) any person who provided care for the patient, including a healthcare worker or family member, or had similarly close physical contact; or b) any person who stayed at the same place (e.g. lived with, visited) as the patient while the patient was ill.