



# Serious Infectious Disease Screening for EMS

**Pre-hospital screening criteria for patient isolation/testing are likely to be:**

1. International travel to or contact with someone who is ill and traveled to a country that is currently experiencing or is at risk for a communicable disease outbreak of urgent public health concern per <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>; or healthcare worker with a recent exposure to a potential communicable disease of urgent public health concern.

**AND**

2. Experience one or more of these symptoms: fever, headache, cough, trouble breathing, diarrhea, rash, joint aches, and vomiting.

**If both criteria are met:**

- A. The patient should be isolated and STANDARD, CONTACT, and DROPLET precautions followed during further assessment, treatment, and transport.
- B. IMMEDIATELY contact the ATCC to consult with Alabama Department of Public Health EMS Physician: **1-800-359-0123**.

**If patient is not transported (refusal, pronouncement, etc.):**

- A. Notify Alabama Department of Public Health, Infectious Diseases and Outbreaks Division: **1-800-338-8374** to report a presumed Serious Infectious Disease
- B. Complete the [SIDN Consultation](#) form