



# Serious Infectious Disease Screening

**Emergency Department 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; **or** anyone who reports being part of a cluster of two or more persons with a similar febrile, respiratory illness.

**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**, then the patient should be moved to a private room with a bathroom or Airborne Isolation Infection Room (AIIR) and STANDARD, CONTACT, and DROPLET precautions followed during further assessment.

## **IMMEDIATELY Report Person Under Investigation:**

1. Hospital Leadership: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Complete the [Serious Infectious Disease Consultation Form](#)
3. Notify Alabama Department of Public Health: **1-800-338-8374** to report a presumed serious infectious disease.
4. Compile a list of all healthcare workers, patients, and visitors that may have come in contact with the patient at the facility, along with their personal contacts.