



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, Epidemiology Division: **1-800-338-8374** to report a presumed Serious Infectious Disease
- B. Complete [Serious Infectious Disease Consultation Form](#) and fax to 334-206-3734 or email to **CDFax@ADPH.state.AL.US**