



## All Clinical Department/Program(s)

# COVID-19 Pandemic: Screening for Respiratory Communicable Diseases

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<b>What's New?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening for patients, staff, and visitors now includes an expanded list of symptoms for Respiratory Communicable Diseases (in addition to COVID-19)</li> <li>• The <a href="#">PHSA COVID-19 Pandemic: Screening for Respiratory Communicable Diseases</a> policy aligns with the updated PHSA Visitor Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Why?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early recognition of Respiratory Communicable Diseases and potential respiratory infections, including COVID-19, allows timely application of appropriate Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) and Public Health measures to minimize transmission risk of respiratory infection in health care facilities.</li> <li>• "<i>Respiratory Communicable Diseases</i>" is a term that refers to a variety of viral illnesses that are transmitted generally by droplets or aerosols, including influenza, parainfluenza, human metapneumovirus, respiratory syncytial virus, adenovirus, measles, chicken pox, coronaviruses including SARS-CoV-2, measles, tuberculosis and other "Influenza like illnesses" or ILIs.</li> </ul>
<b>How does this affect my practice?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following CW Screening documents have been updated:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CW Entrance Screening Protocol</li> <li>○ COVID-19 &amp; Respiratory Communicable Diseases Screening &amp; Testing Algorithm</li> <li>○ Standard Work: COVID-19 &amp; Respiratory Communicable Diseases Patient, Family, Visitor Screening</li> <li>○ COVID-19 &amp; Respiratory Communicable Diseases: Patient And Visitor Screening Protocol &amp; Screening Tools</li> <li>○ Standard Work: In-Person Screening Steps and Script: Ambulatory Clinics</li> <li>○ Standard Work: Telephone Screening Steps and Script: Ambulatory Clinics</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All other prevention measures remain unchanged, including physical barriers, respiratory etiquette, use of medical masks, and respecting others' personal space</li> </ul>
<b>How do I find out more?</b>	Visit <a href="#">ePOPS</a> for additional information.
<b>Who do I contact for further information?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak with your program manager, operational and practice or education leaders for any questions.</li> </ul>