



**ALL EMS PROVIDERS DON: GLOVES, PROCEDURE MASK, EYE PROTECTION/FACE SHIELD & MAINTAIN AT LEAST 2 METER OR GREATER DISTANCE FROM PT AND BSTANDERS – FOR ALL PATIENTS**

**SCREENING QUESTIONS FOR ALL PATIENTS** (If Patient unable to answer questions, initiate droplet + contact precautions)

In the last 14 days has the Patient:

- 1) Traveled outside of Canada? Where?
- 2) Been identified by Public Health as a close contact? OR Had close (within 2 meters) or prolonged (>15 minutes) contact with confirmed/probable case of COVID-19 without proper PPE?
- 3) Lived in, worked in, or visited a location or event on the current outbreak list?\*

\*Current outbreak list can be found [here](#) – consult/print ONLY **Section 1: COVID-19 Outbreaks in Saskatchewan**

- 4) Any new or worsening symptoms NOT ATTRIBUTABLE to seasonal or environmental allergies, meaning development of new or the worsening of long-standing symptoms?

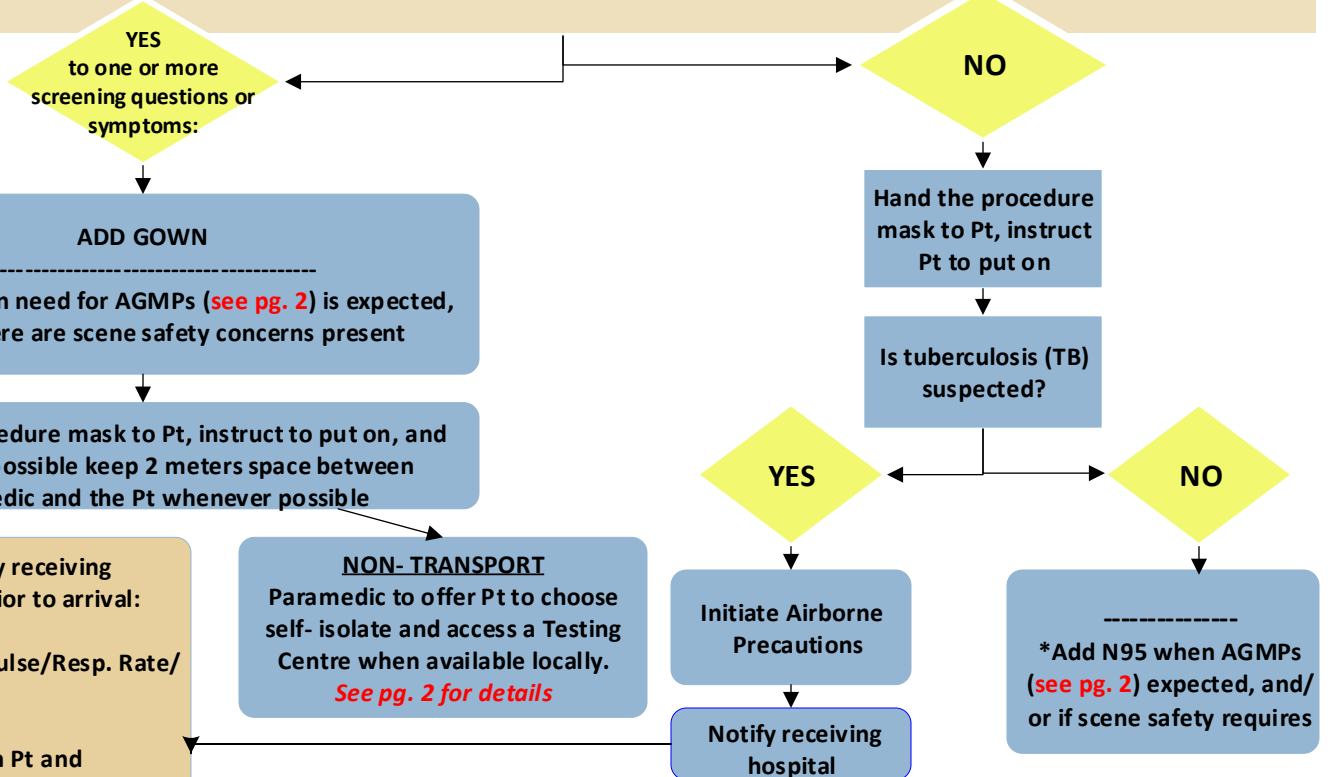
**\*\*Over age 65 and under age 5, fever may not be present, patients at extremes of age can have unusual presentations\*\***

**Adult Symptoms:**

- \*Cough
- \*Fever (≥ 38°C on arrival or history of in last 14 days)
- \*Sore throat
- \*Any difficulty breathing/shortness of breath
- \***New onset atypical symptoms** including chills, aches and pains, headache, loss of sense of smell or taste, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, loss of appetites, fatigue, or weakness
- For frail/elderly individuals** acute functional decline (including falls), acute confusion

**Pediatric Symptoms:**

- \*Cough
- \*Fever (≥ 38°C on arrival or history of in last 14 days)
- \*Sore throat
- \*Any difficulty breathing/shortness of breath
- \***New onset atypical symptoms** including chills, aches and pains, headache, loss of sense of smell or taste, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, loss of appetite (difficulty feeding), fatigue or weakness
- \*Runny nose



**TRANSPORT:** Notify receiving hospital 15 min. prior to arrival:

- 1) Present Temp/Pulse/Resp. Rate/BP/O2 Sat
- 2) If PPE donned on Pt and Paramedic
- 3) Pt responses to Screening Questions
- 4) Chief complaint and reason for transport (+ regular patch info)
- 5) Has the Pt received the influenza vaccine since October of 2020?

**NON- TRANSPORT**  
Paramedic to offer Pt to choose self- isolate and access a Testing Centre when available locally.  
*See pg. 2 for details*

Initiate Airborne Precautions  
Notify receiving hospital

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\*Add N95 when AGMPs (see pg. 2) expected, and/or if scene safety requires

**Overview:**  
*Paramedic screening required on every patient, every time, on every hand over! Maintain 2 meters distance whenever possible from Pt & bystanders & Screen Pt If YES to any screening questions - paramedic to don droplet + contact PPE Every Pt to don procedure mask*

**This screening tool is not intended to replace clinical judgement in individual patient management and alternate diagnoses must be considered before the patient's final risk of COVID-19 is determined. Screening results should inform your risk assessment and the need for precautions. Previous testing does not impact screening results.**



### NON- TRANSPORT

Paramedic to offer patient to choose self- isolate and access a Testing Centre when available locally.

If patient agrees:

- 1) Paramedic collects: patient name, DOB, street address, HSN & phone number.
- 2) Paramedics inform patient that **Testing Centre will contact PT in 24-48 hours.**
- 3) Paramedic informs patient to avoid any public transportation to Testing Centre (i.e. taxi, bus, etc.).
- 4) Paramedic relays patient demographics to MCCC via cell phone. (Provide this information prior to closing the event so the MCCC can document.)
- 5) MCCC will email patient demographics to the local Testing Centre

### Medical Communication and Coordination Center (MCCC) Contacts:

	Phone Number
South	310 5000 press 5
Central	306 975-8804 press 4
North	306-953-9800

### \*\*\*AGMPs require Airborne & Contact Precautions – every time and for all patients\*\*\*

Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP) is any procedure that may induce production of aerosols from droplet nuclei, including but not limited to (in the Pre-hospital environment):

- intubation related procedures (e.g., manual ventilation, open endotracheal suctioning) • tracheostomy care
- cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) with airway interventions • Positive Airway Pressure (e.g. CPAP, BIPAP) • nebulized therapy
- aerosolized medication administration • respiratory/airway suctioning • humidified high flow oxygen systems (e.g., ARVO, Optiflow),

\*\*\*\*Any O2 Flow of greater than 15 Liters

<http://ipac.vch.ca/Documents/Acute%20Resource%20manual/Aerosol%20Generating%20Medical%20Procedures.pdf>

**Bystanders and medical first responders may be performing chest-compression only CPR.**

**Notify receiving department about additional precautions prior to transport**

**Chest compression-only CPR  
Is NOT an AGMP**

### Online Resource Links:

Government of Sask. COVID-19

Medavie Health Services West Training Site

COVID-19 Outbreaks in Saskatchewan

### Changelog:

Added: EMS Providers to don: gloves, procedure mask, eye protection/face shield for all patient encounters

Added: for frail/elderly individuals to highlight symptoms in this population

Removed: Routine practices