

# IPC Rapid Assessment and Triage for Emergency Department/Urgent Care Patients Presenting with Potential Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF)/Ebola

Does patient have history of or documented **fever (>38.0°C)**, other symptoms of infection or unexplained bleeding/bruising in last 24 hours??

YES

NO

Has patient travelled to any countries where VHF is circulating in the **21 days prior** to symptom onset?

**Available at**  
[Canadian travel health notices](#)

NO

Follow [IPC Risk Assessment](#) and [Routine Practices](#) or symptom based additional precautions

YES

- No vital signs or further assessment to be done in triage/ED/UCC until patient is isolated.
- Triage HCP to don [contact and droplet PPE](#).
- Place a procedure/surgical mask on the patient.
- Maintain a distance of 2m from patient at triage and until patient is in isolation room.
- As QUICKLY as possible, place patient in single room with hard walls, a door and a dedicated toilet or commode.
- If the patient must wait for the room to be prepared:
  - Patient should be isolated at the triage area or another area in the Emergency Dept (ED)/ Urgent Care Centre (UCC) where access can be controlled. Maintain a distance of 2m from other patients. All staff to wear PPE within 2m of patient.
  - If patient was transported by EMS then have patient wait in ambulance.

**Immediately notify ED/UCC Physician or Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Charge Nurse.**

The ED/UCC Physician or NP will **contact the MOH and IPC as soon as possible**.  
IPC will add VHF rule out into Connect Care (as applicable).

- Once patient is in single room use [Contact & Droplet Precautions: Suspected/ Confirmed Viral Hemorrhagic Fever](#) including\*\*:
  - surgical mask, faceshield, hair cover and full neck hood;
  - leg covers and fluid impermeable gown OR coverall;
  - gloves and apron.
- Initiate logging of everyone entering the patient's room.
- Don VHF PPE following the sequences here:  
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/ipc/Page10531.aspx#ebola>
- Contact CPSM if any concerns about PPE supplies.

**Do not start IVs, draw blood or collect other samples until patient is seen by the ED/UCC physician or NP.**  
**Any and all lab testing (including urine samples) must be approved by zone MOH.**

Once the patient is moved to the isolation room, clean the areas in triage that the patient has been in contact with following the AHS recommended guidelines.

- [ES-CLN-18 Patient Room/Space - Discharge/Transfer \(Isolation\)](#) found on AHS Insite: Home>Teams>Nutrition, Food, Linen & Environmental Services> Policy & Practice Documents.
- [Ebola Waste Management Recommendations](#)

## Zone MOH contact information

### North Zone

Office Hours: 1-855-513-7530  
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### Edmonton Zone

780-433-3940

### Central Zone

403-356-6430

### Calgary Zone

403-264-5615

### South Zone

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