





**LIFESPAN**  
**Emergency Department Triage Screening Tool**

Assess ALL patients for the following symptoms: Diarrhea \_\_\_ Headache \_\_\_ Rash \_\_\_ Cough \_\_\_ Flu-like symptoms \_\_\_ Abscess or Draining wound \_\_\_

Presenting Symptom or Syndrome	Example	Isolation Precautions	Potential Cause	Mask Patient & Family
Acute <b>diarrhea</b>		<b>Contact Isolation</b>	<i>C. difficile</i> , <i>Rotavirus</i>	
<b>Diarrhea and Vomiting</b>		<b>Contact Isolation AND</b>	Norovirus, Sapovirus	✓
		<b>Droplet Isolation</b>		
<b>Headache</b> with ≥ 1 of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> fever <input type="checkbox"/> stiff neck <input type="checkbox"/> petechial rash with or without headache		<b>Droplet Isolation</b>	<b>Meningitis</b> , Meningococcus	✓
Petechial/ecchymotic <b>rash w/ fever AND</b> history of travel within the 10 days prior to onset of fever to an area with an ongoing outbreak of Viral Hemorrhagic Fever		<b>Maximum Isolation</b> (move to Special Procedure Room)	Ebola, Lassa, Marburg viruses	✓
Diffuse Vesicular or pustular body <b>rash w/ fever</b> <b>(small fluid or pus-filled blisters)</b>		<b>Airborne Isolation</b> (move to negative pressure room)	<b>Chickenpox</b> (varicella), <i>herpes simplex</i> , variola (smallpox), vaccinia viruses Vaccinia virus	✓
		<b>Contact Isolation</b>		
Maculopapular <b>body rash w/ recent or current:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> cough <input type="checkbox"/> fever <input type="checkbox"/> coryza (cold symptoms) <b>(small, red, solid lesions)</b>		<b>Airborne Isolation</b> (move to negative pressure room)	<b>Measles</b> (Rubeola)	✓
Papular <b>rash</b> or crusted rash usually in skin folds <b>(small, solid or crusted lesions ≤ 1 cm)</b>		<b>Contact Isolation</b>	Scabies, Norwegian Scabies	
<b>Productive cough &gt; 2 wks</b> , w/ ≥ 1 of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> fever <input type="checkbox"/> night sweats <input type="checkbox"/> weight loss <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign born <input type="checkbox"/> cough		<b>Airborne Isolation</b> (move to negative pressure room)	Tuberculosis	✓
<b>Flu-like symptoms:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> fever <input type="checkbox"/> cough <input type="checkbox"/> sore throat		<b>Contact Isolation AND</b>	<b>Respiratory Pathogens: i.e., Influenza</b> , respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), parainfluenza virus, adenovirus, metapneumovirus	✓
		<b>Droplet Isolation</b>		
<b>Flu-like symptoms if novel respiratory virus is suspected</b>		<b>Modified Contact &amp; Droplet Isolation</b>	COVID-19, MERS CoV, Avian Influenza	✓
<b>Abscess or draining wound</b> that cannot be covered or contained		<b>Contact Isolation</b>	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MSSA or <b>MRSA</b> ), group A streptococcus	