

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Screening Tool for Influenza-like Illness in the Emergency Department

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- (i) Do you have new/worse cough or shortness of breath?
If 'no', no further action required
If 'yes', ask patient to follow directions and continue with next question

If the answer is yes patient should perform hand hygiene using alcohol-based hand rub and put on a mask covering their nose and mouth.

- (ii) Are you feeling feverish*, or have you had shakes or chills in the last 24 hours?
If 'no', take temperature; if >38 C, continue with next question, otherwise stop (no further questions)
If 'yes', take temperature

*NOTE: Some people, such as the elderly, and people who are immunocompromised, may not develop a fever.

- (iii) Within the past 7 days have you returned from Mexico?

If the answer is yes, move patient to a separate area if possible.