Purpose: To develop a clear plan of response for clients presenting to First Nations Communities, with suspected or known COVID-19 infection

Client follows posted signage regarding respiratory symptoms and presents to reception

Screening Criteria:
A person: with fever (over 38 degrees Celsius) and/or new onset of (or exacerbation of chronic) cough AND who meets the COVID-19 exposure criteria

Exposure Criteria:
In the 14 days, before onset of illness, a person who:
Traveled to an affected area OR Had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 OR Had close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been to an affected area within 14 days prior to their illness onset OR Had laboratory exposure to biological material (e.g. primary clinical specimens, virus culture isolates) known to contain COVID-19.

Positive Screen

- Have client (and support person) put on a procedure mask and use hand sanitizer
- Call Nurse; Direct client to separate room with a door
- Signage on client door stating Contact & Droplet precautions required
- Staff entering room put on PPE: gloves, gown, mask, eye protection/face shield
- Nurse to follow this algorithm in conjunction with BCCDC Interim Guidance related to COVID-19.

Negative Screen

- Proceed with routine care.
- Remind client that if cough is exacerbated or new symptoms arise, the client must self-isolate for at least 10 days. Direct client to call 811 as needed. If medical attention is needed, remind client to call ahead and inform health centre / nursing station of new symptoms.

Stable Client (Unlikely transfer)

- No
  - Follow as above, including the following:
    - Contact Regional Health Authority CD Unit, advising of client status and risk of COVID-19 and to inquire about testing eligibility
    - Ensure PTN aware of suspect COVID-19 case
    - Maintain strict Contact / Droplet precautions
    - Use minimal compliment of ED personnel
    - All equipment brought into client room must remain until terminally cleaned
    - Use N95 for all aerosol-generating procedures

- Yes
  - Proceed with routine care.
  - Remind client that if cough is exacerbated or new symptoms arise, the client must self-isolate for at least 10 days. Direct client to call 811 as needed. If medical attention is needed, remind client to call ahead and inform health centre / nursing station of new symptoms.

Moderately ill Client (Potential for transfer)

- No
  - Contact Regional Health Authority CD Unit, advising of client status and risk of COVID-19 and to inquire about testing eligibility
  - Ensure PTN aware of suspect COVID-19 case
  - Maintain strict Contact / Droplet precautions
  - Use minimal compliment of ED personnel
  - All equipment brought into client room must remain until terminally cleaned
  - Use N95 for all aerosol-generating procedures

- Yes
  - Proceed with routine care.
  - Remind client that if cough is exacerbated or new symptoms arise, the client must self-isolate for at least 10 days. Direct client to call 811 as needed. If medical attention is needed, remind client to call ahead and inform health centre / nursing station of new symptoms.

Critically ill Client (Need for resusitation)

- Yes
  - Proceed with routine care.
  - Remind client that if cough is exacerbated or new symptoms arise, the client must self-isolate for at least 10 days. Direct client to call 811 as needed. If medical attention is needed, remind client to call ahead and inform health centre / nursing station of new symptoms.

COMMUNICATION when transferring clients

Call PTN1-866-233-2337 and Press "1" for LLTO - State “Suspected COVID-19 (Coronavirus)”
GOAL: to minimize movement of clients if possible

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Reducing risk of COVID-19 transmission:
Case Identification and Client Flow in Health Centres and Nursing Stations

Regional CD Team Contact Information

Communicable Disease Contact Information for BC Regional Health Authorities:

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<td>Interior Health</td>
<td>Central CD Unit - CD Specialists (EHOs/FMNs)</td>
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<td>Courtenay</td>
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<td>First Nations Health Authority</td>
<td>CD Management</td>
<td>Toll Free: 1-844-394-2232</td>
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Pre-identify a separate room, with a door, for patients who screen positive.
- For stable and/or moderately ill patients, designate single-bed, closed room with a dedicated washroom if possible, with closed door to hallway. If no single-room option, apply a 2-metre separation between beds with privacy curtains closed; do not share items between patients.
- For critically ill patients, designate Resuscitation Bay most distant from other patients For all such rooms:
  - Remove all non-essential equipment and furniture from rooms to minimize contamination
  - Stethoscopes and other frequently used equipment to be left in designated room
  - Chart, pens and wireless phones are prohibited in designated room
  - Any equipment removed from room must be disinfected
  - Room / Resuscitation Bay to be immediately terminally cleaned upon patient discharge

Additional Precautions

- Complete COVID-19 Readiness Assessment Nursing Stations and Health Centers each shift
- Increase frequency of cleaning of high-touch areas with routine cleaning products
- Clean hands before putting on and taking off mask
- Additional precautions including N95 respirators with eye protections must be worn during aerosol-generating procedures (i.e. open suctioning of respiratory tract, intubation, bronchoscopy, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation)
  - Avoid BIPAP (Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure) therapy
  - Administer O2 without humidification

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