

The Public Health Agency of Canada, with the subject matter expertise and advice of the National Advisory Committee on Infection Prevention and Control, has developed interim Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) **guidance for acute healthcare settings and related healthcare workers (HCWs)**.

This guidance is for the management of people with fever and/or cough presenting to acute healthcare settings in Canada, who, within 14 days before onset of illness, have:

- travelled to an affected area; or
- been in close contact with a probable or confirmed case of 2019-nCoV; or
- been in close contact with someone who has signs and symptoms of acute respiratory illness and who has travelled to an affected area within 14 days prior to their onset of illness; or
- had laboratory exposure to biological material known to contain 2019-nCoV.

This guidance has been developed for Canadian acute healthcare settings and HCWs and may differ from guidance developed by other countries, as it has been adapted to the Canadian context. It should be read in conjunction with relevant provincial, territorial and local legislation, regulations, and policies.

This guidance is informed by currently available scientific evidence and expert opinion, and is subject to change as new information on transmissibility, epidemiology and information becomes available.

Below you will find the links to the guidance, which will go live today on the Government of Canada website (Canada.ca).

Direct Links:

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/interim-guidance-acute-healthcare-settings.html>
- <https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-publique/services/maladies/2019-nouveau-coronavirus/professionnels-sante/lignes-directrices-provisoires-etablissements-soins-actifs.html>

Cross Links:

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals.html>
- <https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-publique/services/maladies/2019-nouveau-coronavirus/professionnels-sante.html>