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Suspected MERS/Avian flu/NCOV2019 - Immediate MAU Actions

Patient identified by Reception staff

- Ask the patient to put on surgical mask
- Inform Nurse in Charge for Medical Assessment Unit (MAU) and Minor Injuries Unit (MIU). MAU Nurse in Charge to inform the Consultant in Charge for MAU
- MAU Nurse in Charge to escalate to the CSM/Lead nurse and Physician of the week in hours and escalate to the Clyde duty manager and on call medical consultant in the OOHs period
- Patient to be transferred to a bay in MIU
- Make sure all patients are transferred out of Minor Injury Unit and all non-essential equipment has been removed from the area
- MIU to move all work to the Fracture Clinic
- Transfer the patient to the MIU bay and await triage
- Use adjacent bay as “clean anteroom” for staff changing and for decontaminating the equipment
- Keep the MIU entrance doors closed

Ambulance service - informs the unit about possible MERS/Avian flu/NCOV2019 case in advance and move patient to MIU

Patient is identified during assessment in MAU and is in the bay area

- Ask the patient to put on surgical mask
- Immediately inform nurse-in-charge and consultant-in-charge
- Do not move the patient out of the bay
- Nurse-in-Charge to discuss with senior management the most appropriate placement for the patient. Issues to consider will include:
  - occupancy of the MAU and MIU
  - availability of domestic staff to carry out terminal clean of the unit
  - predicted stay of the patient at the VoLH
  - senior management will consider a divert of all SAS calls to another site
  - In OOHs period – NHS24 informed. Consideration by SMT of all OOHs GP calls to be diverted to other OOHs centres

If it is possible within a reasonable timeframe to carry out terminal clean of MAU then the patient should be transferred to MIU (see actions above for the move of workload of MIU) and terminal clean of MAU should be carried out before normal work of MAU can be resumed.

In case it is not logistically feasible to carry out a terminal clean of MAU within reasonable timeframe then the patient should be cared for at the MAU bay and all the other MAU work should be transferred to MIU area.
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Patient is identified at the Out-of-Hours GP Clinic

Keep the patient in the GP clinic room in clinical situation allows this and follow the actions as for “Patient identified by Reception Staff” pathway

Apply full respiratory PPE to anyone assessing the patient once concern has been raised

MAU Dos and Don’ts

- The patient **should not be moved anywhere** through the department without consultation with the MAU consultant in charge in conjunction with the Infection Control Consultant

- **CXR** should be done as a portable with radiographers who are PPE trained. A patient with possible MERS/ Avian flu/NCOV2019 should not be X-rayed in the radiology department

- If Infectious disease team decide the patient requires admission the most appropriate option for admission has to be agreed by clinical team with ID specialists and ICT.

- If the decision is to admit patient to ward 3 (AMRU) they have to be taken by the shortest route, using the AMRU lift and placed in isolation room 6. Close the corridors affected by the patient journey to the public until area has been appropriately cleaned.

Actions if a suspected MERS/Avian flu/NCOV2019 patient is admitted/identified on ward 3 (AMRU)

Suspected MERS/ Avian flu/NCOV2019 patient is identified on ward 3

- Immediately inform Nurse in Charge and Consultant in Charge.

- Move patient to isolation room 6. Make sure room is prepared and all the non-essential equipment has been removed from the room

- Vacate the adjacent room 5 and use this as “clean anteroom” for staff changing and decontamination of the equipment

- All staff and visitors have to apply full PPE when entering the room.

It has been decided to admit a suspected MERS/ Avian flu/NCOV2019 patient from MAU/MIU

- MAU Nurse in Charge has to inform the ward 3 Nurse in Charge in advance and coordinate transfer of the patient. Please follow the actions described above.