

Colleagues,

We have made a change to the “Travel Screening” in Epic today to facilitate patient care. Please read the below carefully. There will be more updates to come as we develop tools, and they will be available on the Intranet [here](#). If you have any technical questions, please call the IT Help Desk at 617-414-4500.

### Screening

The “travel” screening in Epic has been updated to include a new question asking if the patient has had contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19 (screen shot below). Please note that if the patient answers yes to this question and they are having symptoms, the BPA will NOT YET trigger (Epic is still working on this piece, and we will update you when it becomes available). You should **activate the BMC algorithm to determine testing appropriateness if a patient has symptoms and contact with a known case, or symptoms and relevant travel history** (in which case you will see the BPA in Epic).

For any patient who has had travel screening completed, the documentation can be viewed in the Encounter tab or by using the .travelsh smartphrase in a note.

*Additional “contact” question in the Epic screener does NOT trigger a BPA; you must manually activate the [BMC algorithm](#) to determine testing appropriateness.*

**Communicable Disease Screening**

In the last month, have you been in contact with someone who was confirmed or suspected to have Coronavirus / COVID-19?

Yes     No / Unsure     Unable to assess

Do you have any of the following symptoms?

<input type="checkbox"/> None of these	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to assess	<input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Bruising or bleeding
<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/> Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint pain
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Rash	<input type="checkbox"/> Red eye	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe headache
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath	<input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Weakness	

We are diligently working on clinical workflows and additional IT tools to assist with test ordering, patient tracking and status visibility at both the patient and population level, such as a banner on the patient’s chart, indicators on patient lists, and population level reporting. We will update as these tools become available.

Thank you,  
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