

Travel/Exposure Screening Workflow

Audience: Providers, Outpatient Clinical Support Staff

In an effort to screen and alert staff of a potential risk of infection, the **Travel Screening** form has been activated in clinic encounters. The screening form has key questions regarding travel and exposure. The responses will determine if the patient has a potential risk and will alert you on what steps to take with a Best Practice Advisory (BPA).

From an Encounter:

Open your patient's chart. Storyboard appears on the left side of the screen and the activity tabs appear at the top of the screen.

You will now see a Hyperlink to [Complete Patient Travel Screen](#), if not completed by Registration/Scheduling.

The screenshot displays a medical chart for a patient named Little Potato. The interface includes a sidebar on the left with patient details: Little Potato, Male, 10 y.o., 12/1/2009, MRN: 205011, CSN: 2001010121375, Code: Not on file (no ACP docs), Pain Agreement: Not on File, Care Team: No PCP, Coverage: None, Allergies: Not on File, 1:30 PM ESTABLISHED PATIENT for Cough, Ht: 4' 2" >30 days, Last Wt: 25 kg (55 lb 1.8 oz) !. The main chart area shows tabs for Chart Review, Synopsis, Growth Chart, Rooming, Plan, and Wrap-Up. A Best Practice Advisory (BPA) is displayed, titled 'Patient Safety (1)', with a yellow warning box: 'SCREEN FOR POTENTIAL CORONAVIRUS RISK'. Below the warning is a blue button: 'Complete Patient Travel Screen'. The BPA also includes 'Accept' and 'Cancel' buttons. The bottom right of the chart shows 'Tobacco' status: Smoking Status (Never Assessed), Smokeless Status (Unknown).

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Once the [Complete Patient Travel Screen](#) is selected, the **Travel Screening** questionnaire populates:

Ensure all three questions in the Travel Screening are answered:

1. In the last month, have you been in contact with someone who was confirmed or suspected to have Coronavirus / COVID-19?
2. Have you had a COVID-19 Test viral test in the last 14 days?
3. Do you have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?
4. Have you traveled internationally in the last month?

The COVID-19 Potential Risk BPA will appear if **any** of the following selections are made:

Have you had a COVID-19 viral test in the last 14 days?

- Yes – Positive result
- Yes – Pending result

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Potential Coronavirus (COVID-19) Risk BPA

If a patient has screened positive (see logic below), the following BPA will appear with instructions for when the patient is in clinic:

Updated logic for patients identified as potential COVID-19 risk:

Do you have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?

- Cough
- Fever
- Shortness of Breath
- Muscle Pain
- Severe Headache
- Sore Throat
- Loss of Smell
- Chills
- Loss of Taste
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue

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Patient Safety (1)

⚠ POTENTIAL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RISK

If patient is on the phone:

Calmly state "Due to your symptoms and travel/exposure history we are going to schedule you for a MyChart video visit with your/a Methodist Primary Care Provider so you can be further screened and evaluated for testing if necessary."

If you are unable to schedule the patient with a Methodist PCG provider, please warm transfer them to the PCG call center at 713-394-6724 to have them schedule the patient. If after hours or patient declines, they can also be offered an on demand virtual urgent care appointment through the MyMethodist app.

If patient is in-person (inpatient registration, hospital outpatient, or ambulatory clinic):

- Maintain you ICARE values
- Provide the patient a surgical mask to cover mouth and nose
- Don a surgical mask and eye protection
- Escort the patient to an identified location and close the door
- Notify the provider or operations administrator that the COVID-19 Screen is positive and follow their directions
- Refer to latest algorithm "Management of Patients Suspected of Having Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Outpatient Settings" for further guidance

[↗ Re-administer Patient Travel Screening](#)

Dismiss

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Reviewing Travel Screening Documentation

1. Check Chart Review for a recent **Travel** encounter to see if the patient has a Travel/Exposure Screening filled out.
 - a. Chart review > Encounters tab > Travel type
 - b. Click the Travel Encounter Record
 - c. Review answers to Travel/Exposure Screening

The screenshot shows the EHR Chart Review interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Chart Review', 'Synopsis', 'Growth Chart', 'Rooming', 'Plan', and 'Wrap-Up'. The 'Encounters' tab is selected, showing a list of encounters with columns for 'When', 'Type', and 'With'. A 'Travel' encounter from 'Today' is highlighted. The right-hand pane displays the 'Travel Screening and History' record for this encounter, dated 03/10/20. The record includes a 'Row Name' of '1316 Screening' and sections for 'Communicable Disease Screening' and 'Travel Screening'.

When	Type	With
Today		
Today	Office Visit	FAM MED BAYTOWN 2...
Today	Travel	
2 Years Ago		
01/25/2018	ED	Main ED
01/25/2018	ED	HMH MAIN ER
5 Years Ago		
12/02/2014	Admission (Discharged)	PEDIATRICS - Family...

Travel Screening and History

03/10/20
1316
Row Name: Screening

Communicable Disease Screening

Have you been in contact with someone who was sick? No / Unsure

Do you have any of the following symptoms? None of these

Travel Screening

Have you traveled internationally in the last month? No