Screening Algorithm for Special Pathogen Diseases
Identify, Isolate, Inform

1. Identify Exposure History

- Has patient lived in or traveled to a country or state with widespread Special Pathogen Disease transmission?
- Has patient had contact with an individual with confirmed Special Pathogen Disease?

2. Identify Signs and Symptoms

Examples: Fever, rash, cough/other respiratory symptoms, diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, chest pain, abdominal pain

3. Isolate

- Inform Charge Nurse
- Place patient in isolation room with access to a private or designated bathroom (or commode)
- Place appropriate signage
- Contact MD for clinical assessment
- Limit personnel who enter and leave patient’s room

4. Don Appropriate PPE & Continue with Evaluation

- MD conducts initial assessment and determines exposure risk factors for further evaluation
- Consider alternate diagnoses
- If deemed highly infectious, perform only necessary tests & procedures and avoid aerosol-generating procedures
- Follow Airborne/Droplet/Contact Precautions as appropriate

5. Inform

- Immediately notify hospital infection control program/other appropriate staff
- Immediately notify NYC DOHMH Provider Access Line: 866-692-3614

* Consult the following resources for the most up-to-date information regarding specific outbreaks and special pathogens:
- NYC DOHMH Health Alert Network
- NYC DOHMH website
- NYS DOH website
- NYC DOHMH Bureau of Communicable Disease Reportables: 1-866-NYC-DOH1
- CDC Health Alert Network

* *Apply standard precautions* Continue with usual triage and assessment