

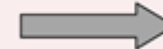
## Advice for ground staff if suspect VHF case presents at airport

### What to do if you come in contact with a suspected case of Viral Haemorrhagic Fever (VHF)?

Ask the following questions:

- Has the person arrived from a VHF affected country? Or
- Spent any time in these countries within the past 21 days?

See [www.hpsc.ie](http://www.hpsc.ie) for up-to-date list of VHF affected countries



If **NO**,  
continue as normal



If **YES**

Does the person appear unwell? Signs and Symptoms to look out for include:

Fever (e.g. pale skin, sweating, shivering), diarrhoea, vomiting, weakness, muscle and joint pains and headaches.



If **NO**, then you are **NOT** at risk of contracting VHF. VHF are only contagious if the infected person has symptoms of infection.



If **YES**

1. **Talk—Don't touch.** Maintain a distance of at least 3 feet from the person (unless the person is vomiting—then maintain a distance of 7-10 feet)
2. **Isolate the person** (e.g. Move the person into a side room, ideally with a telephone to enable telephone assistance if necessary and a toilet)
3. **Call an ambulance.** Tell them that the ill person has recently returned from a VHF-affected area.
4. **Hand-washing with soap and water** is an important method for protecting yourself and your community from the spread of VHF.