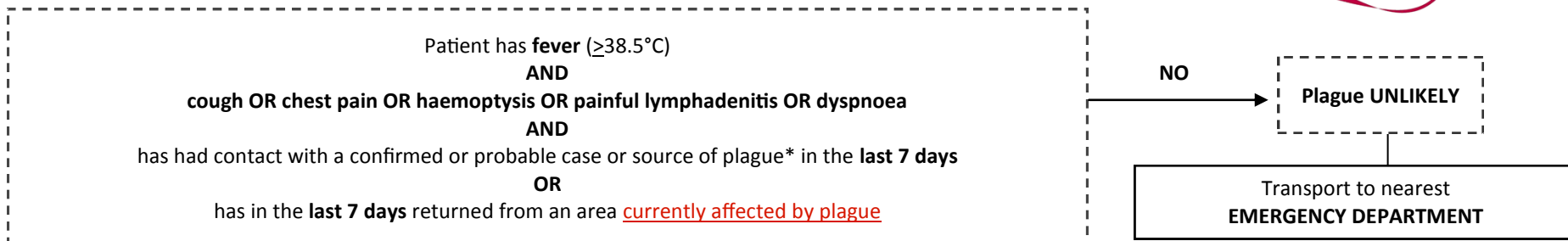


PLAGUE Risk Assessment for Ambulance Services



PUBLIC HEALTH CONTACT DETAILS
(OOH 0818 501999)

HSE E: 01 635 2145
HSE M: 057 935 9891
HSE MW: 061 483 338
HSE NE: 046 907 6412
HSE NW: 072 985 2900
HSE SE: 056 778 4142
HSE S: 021 492 7601
HSE W: 091 775 200

NIU: 01-830 1122 (Ask for ID Consultant on call)

Initial Actions

- ISOLATE PATIENT**
- Implement **STANDARD and DROPLET PRECAUTIONS**
- SURGICAL MASK** for patients with respiratory symptoms (if tolerated)
- Ambulance Control to **CONTACT NATIONAL ISOLATION UNIT (NIU) for REMOTE RISK ASSESSMENT**
- AMBULANCE CONTROL** to initiate direct phone contact between paramedics and NIU
- Ambulance control to **NOTIFY PUBLIC HEALTH of suspect case**

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TRANSPORT patient to nearest **PLAGUE RECEIVING HOSPITAL** based on advice from NIU

Standard Precautions (SP)

DROPLET PRECAUTIONS:

- Gloves**
- Long-sleeved gown** (single use/disposable preferable)
- Eye protection** (face shield or goggles)
- Respiratory protection** (FFP2 or FFP3 masks)
- Respiratory hygiene** and cough etiquette

ATTENDING PATIENT ON AIRCRAFT:

AMBULANCE PERSONNEL should:

- In addition to Standard Precautions initiate DROPLET PRECAUTIONS before entering.
- DISTRIBUTE and COLLECT Passenger Locator Cards for (i) Passengers seated within two metres in each direction from the ill person (ii) persons who reported DIRECT CONTACT with patient, (iii) crew serving the person or that section.
- FORWARD these priority cards with report copy directly to local PUBLIC HEALTH Medical Officer of Health (MOH)
- REQUEST CABIN CREW to: (i) Broadcast the Travel Health Alert Announcement (ii) Distribute and collect Passenger Locator Card from ALL OTHER passengers and crew (iii) Distribute a copy of the Travel Health Alert Announcement leaflet to all passenger and crew (iv) SEND completed Passenger Locator Cards to local Public Health MOH
- ALL WELL PASSENGERS should then be allowed to DISEMBARK, using the nearest exit.



*Exposure within 2 metres of a confirmed or probable case of plague

*Aircraft/ship exposure within 2 metres of a probable or confirmed case of plague in the **last 7 days**. A risk assessment to identify contacts (including passengers or crew) of the case should be carried out.

*Contact with the following items without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE):

- infected substances of human origin (SoHO),
- laboratory exposure to plague infected materials,
- contaminated materials

*Contact with a sick animal/flea bite in a plague affected area