

MERS-CoV

Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus



Important information for health care workers

Practise yourself and encourage others to apply standard infection control precautions. This is the only way you can protect yourself and prevent the spread of MERS-CoV infection in health care facilities.

► The common symptoms are:



Fever
(38° C and higher)

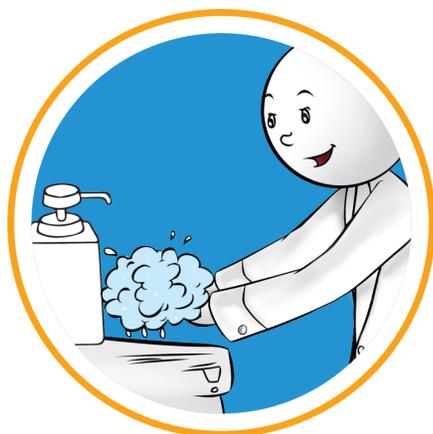


Cough



Difficulty in breathing

Be acutely aware of these symptoms among patients who have recently returned from countries affected by MERS-CoV or who have had contact with camels

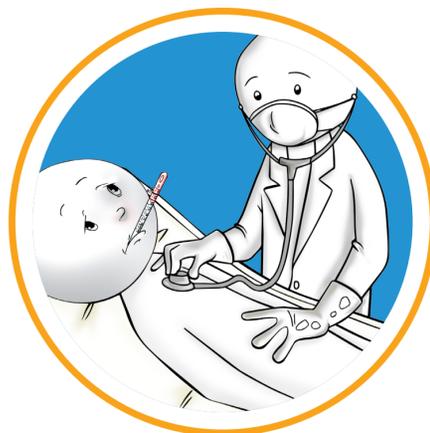


Wash your hands with soap or alcohol antiseptic for at least 40 seconds before and after:

- touching any patient
- before aseptic procedures
- after body fluid exposures
- touching patients' surroundings
- before and after wearing any PPE (personal protective equipment)



Practise yourself and encourage others to observe respiratory hygiene in health care facilities by covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing



Use a medical mask if you are close to a patient with acute respiratory symptoms



When you are performing a special procedure, such as intubating, wear:

- long-sleeved gown
- gloves
- eye protection
- particulate respirator, such as N95 mask, to protect yourself



Report your illness immediately to the concerned authority if you start coughing, sneezing or develop fever after you have provided care to a suspected MERS-CoV patient

