

Appendix 2: PHU MERS-CoV checklist

Using the MERS-CoV Investigation form, contact the patient's doctor to:

- Confirm the onset date and symptoms of the illness
- Confirm results of relevant pathology tests, or recommend that tests be done
- Find out if the case or relevant care-giver has been told what the diagnosis is before beginning the interview
- Seek the doctor's permission to contact the case or relevant care-giver
- Review case management including infection control measures being used in caring for the case

Interview the case or care-giver to complete exposure and contact history and other details

- Complete the exposure history and other sections of the MERS-CoV Investigation Form.
- Identify close contacts according to the contact definition.

Follow-up patient's contacts to:

- Assess risk of MERS-CoV transmission and classify as close or casual contacts
- Determine current symptoms, if any, and advise on active daily monitoring of symptoms by public health unit (close contacts) or passive surveillance (casual contacts)
- Explain symptoms and need to immediately report any new symptoms
- Explain to healthcare, aged care, and childcare worker close contacts the need for work restrictions during the potential incubation period after exposure
- Explain to school student close contacts (or their carers) the need for exclusion during the potential incubation period after exposure
- Provide a MERS-CoV Disease Factsheet
- Arrange serological testing if available and appropriate.

Notify central jurisdictional communicable disease control agency

Central communicable disease control agency to notify Commonwealth Department of Health, Office of Health Protection

Consider need for media release and designate a media spokesperson.