

# **Alert: Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome** (MERS)

MERS is a respiratory disease that has infected persons in countries in and near the Arabian Peninsula. There have been several outbreaks of this illness due to spread from ill persons to healthcare workers and patients in healthcare settings. Here's what to look for.

## If you recently traveled to:

- Bahrain
- Iraq
- Iran
- Israel
- Jordan

- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Oman
- Palestinian territories
- Qatar

- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Yemen

# OR had close physical contact in the last 14 days with someone who may have MERS:

#### Such as

- Provided care for,
- Lived with, or
- Visited a sick person as described below.

### And became ill within 14 days of return with:

- **√** Fever AND
- √ Cough or trouble breathing



# Let staff know IMMEDIATELY.