

## Respiratory Screening Notes in HCHB

All staff seeing patients on visits are now required to screen patients using the respiratory screening note in HCHB prior to making a visit. The note asks about patient respiratory illness and other risk criteria that are used to determine if a patient could be contagious. The screening note also asks if anyone in the household has contagious symptoms, such as respiratory or GI symptoms. If anyone in the household has contagious symptoms, the person screening and completing the note must also use the comments section to specify the symptoms that the member of the household has (without identifying who that person is). Positive responses need to be reported to one's supervisor to determine if action is necessary.

In addition, those staff seeing patients are required to enter a PointCare visit alert for any patient who should be on isolation precautions. The PointCare visit alert should specify what isolation precautions the patient should be on (contact, droplet, and/or airborne precautions) so that all team members caring for the patient are aware. Also, staff are expected to view PointCare visit alerts prior to entering the patient's home by selecting "Alerts" on the visit or by going to the coordination notes section of Medical Records. This is especially important for safety/infection control reasons.