Screening Patients for Suspected 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Outpatient Healthcare Settings

Patient presents with **fever** and/or signs or symptoms of **lower respiratory tract infection** (i.e. cough, shortness of breath).

**YES**

Give patient a mask. Take a travel history. Patient has returned from a region affected by COVID-19 OR reports contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case within 14 days before symptom onset.

**YES**

Escort to **private examination room (AIIR if available)**. Close door.

Health care worker **dons PPE** as appropriate and assesses patient.

Health care worker **confirms patient’s clinical and epidemiological information**\(^1\).

**COVID-19 SUSPECTED**

Contact PDPH\(^2\) to confirm PUI status

**COVID-19 NOT SUSPECTED**

Remove from isolation & follow usual clinic procedures.

Patient **moderately to severely ill**

Collect nasopharyngeal / oropharyngeal swabs and for respiratory panel AND COVID-19

**In consultation with PDPH**, discharge home with instructions for home isolation\(^3\) pending test results

**Doff** gloves, gown and eye protection **inside** room. Remove mask **after leaving** room. **Perform hand hygiene**. Close door. Room cleaned as per routine procedures.

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Ensure health history includes:
- Travel History
- Disease exposure
- Animal exposure

PPE consists of:
- Eye Protection/Face Shield
- N95 Mask
- Gloves
- Disposable Gown

If appropriate PPE (i.e. N95 masks) is NOT available, refer patient to:
- Another facility
- Home with PDPH follow-up if medically appropriate

**PUI: Person Under Investigation**

In consultation with PDPH, refer to hospital

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\(^1\)https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html

\(^2\)Consult with the Division of Disease Control 215-685-6748 or 215-686-4514 (after hours)