

1. IDENTIFY



Does the patient have fever¹, cough or shortness of breath?

YES

PLACE FACE MASK ON PATIENT

Within 14 days of symptom onset, did patient travel from an affected geographic area² or have close contact³ with a COVID-19 patient?

YES

2. ISOLATE

1. Place masked patient in airborne infection isolation room (AIIR); if unavailable, use private room.
2. All personnel entering room must use the following personal protective equipment:
 - Gloves, gown, N95 respirator, goggles or face shield

NO

NO

ROUTINE TRIAGE AND MANAGEMENT

Evaluate for COVID-19 and Other Respiratory infections and Determine if Patient Meets CDC's PUI⁴ Definition

CLINICAL FEATURES

EPIDEMIOLOGIC RISK

(WITHIN 14 DAYS OF SYMPTOM ONSET)

1. Fever¹ or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (LRI) (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)

AND Any person, including health care workers⁵, who had close contact³ with a laboratory-confirmed⁶ COVID-19 patient

- OR -

2. Fever¹ and LRI signs/symptoms requiring hospitalization

AND A history of travel from affected geographic areas²

- OR -

3. Fever¹ and severe LRI (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)⁷

AND No source of exposure has been identified

1. Call the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Provider Access Line (PAL) at [866-692-3641](tel:866-692-3641) to discuss and determine if patient should be tested for COVID-19 infection.
2. DOHMH will advise on next steps, including specimen collection and patient disposition.

3. INFORM

Yes

PATIENT MEETS PUI DEFINITION 1, 2, OR 3

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FOOTNOTES

¹ Fever may be subjective or confirmed

² Affected areas are defined as geographic areas where sustained community transmission has been identified. Relevant affected areas will be defined as a country with at least a CDC Level 2 Travel Health Notice. See all COVID-19 [Travel Health Notices](#).

³ Close contact:

a) Being within ~6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged time while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (i.e., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection); can include caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case

OR

b) Having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment.

⁴ CDC definition for a Person Under Investigation for COVID-19 infection

⁵ For healthcare personnel, testing may be considered if there has been exposure to a person with suspected COVID-19 without laboratory confirmation

⁶ Documentation of laboratory-confirmation of COVID-19 may not be possible for travelers or persons caring for COVID-19 patients in other countries.

⁷ Category includes single or clusters of patients with severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) of unknown etiology in which COVID-19 is being considered.