



HEALTH ALERT #3 – February 4, 2020

2019 Wuhan China Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

What's New:

Since the January 31st health alert released by Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Branch, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released: 1) an update to its interim infection prevention and control recommendations for 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), 2) interim clinical guidance for management of patients with confirmed 2019-nCoV infection, 3) guidance for risk assessment and public health management of persons with potential 2019-nCoV exposure in travel-associated or community settings, and 4) a flow chart to identify and assess patients who are ill or exposed to 2019-nCoV (attached). In addition, the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (CalOSHA) has released Interim Guidance for Protecting Healthcare Workers from Exposure to 2019-nCoV.

Key Messages:

- Check the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency's "[Medical Professionals](#)" web page at <https://tinyurl.com/qv48c7m> for an electronic version of this and previous 2019-nCoV Health Alerts (including hyperlinks).
- Continue to collect travel history on all patients presenting with fever and acute respiratory illness.
- Check the CDC website regularly for future updates to the following documents:
 - [Flowchart to Identify and Assess 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)
 - [Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) Exposure in Travel-associated or Community Settings](#) – Please note: This guidance not healthcare specific. Interim guidance for risk assessment and management of healthcare workers potentially exposed to 2019-nCoV is forthcoming from the CDC.
 - [Criteria to Guide Evaluation of Patients Under Investigation \(PUI\) for 2019-nCoV](#)
 - [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) or Patients Under Investigation for 2019-nCoV in Healthcare Settings](#)
 - [Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Patients Under Investigation \(PUIs\) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)
 - [Interim Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines for Handling and Processing Specimens Associated with 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)
 - [Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) Infection](#)
 - [Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)
- Check the CalOSHA website for its [Interim Guidance for Protecting Healthcare Workers from Exposure to 2019-Novels Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#).

Reporting and Testing - 2019-nCoV:

- Report suspected PUI immediately to Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Branch (SCPH) by phone at 530-225-5591 during business hours or 530-395-0132 after hours, weekends, and holidays.
- For questions about specimen collection and submission, contact the SCPH lab at 530-225-5072.

Attachment: Flowchart to Identify and Assess 2019 Novel Coronavirus

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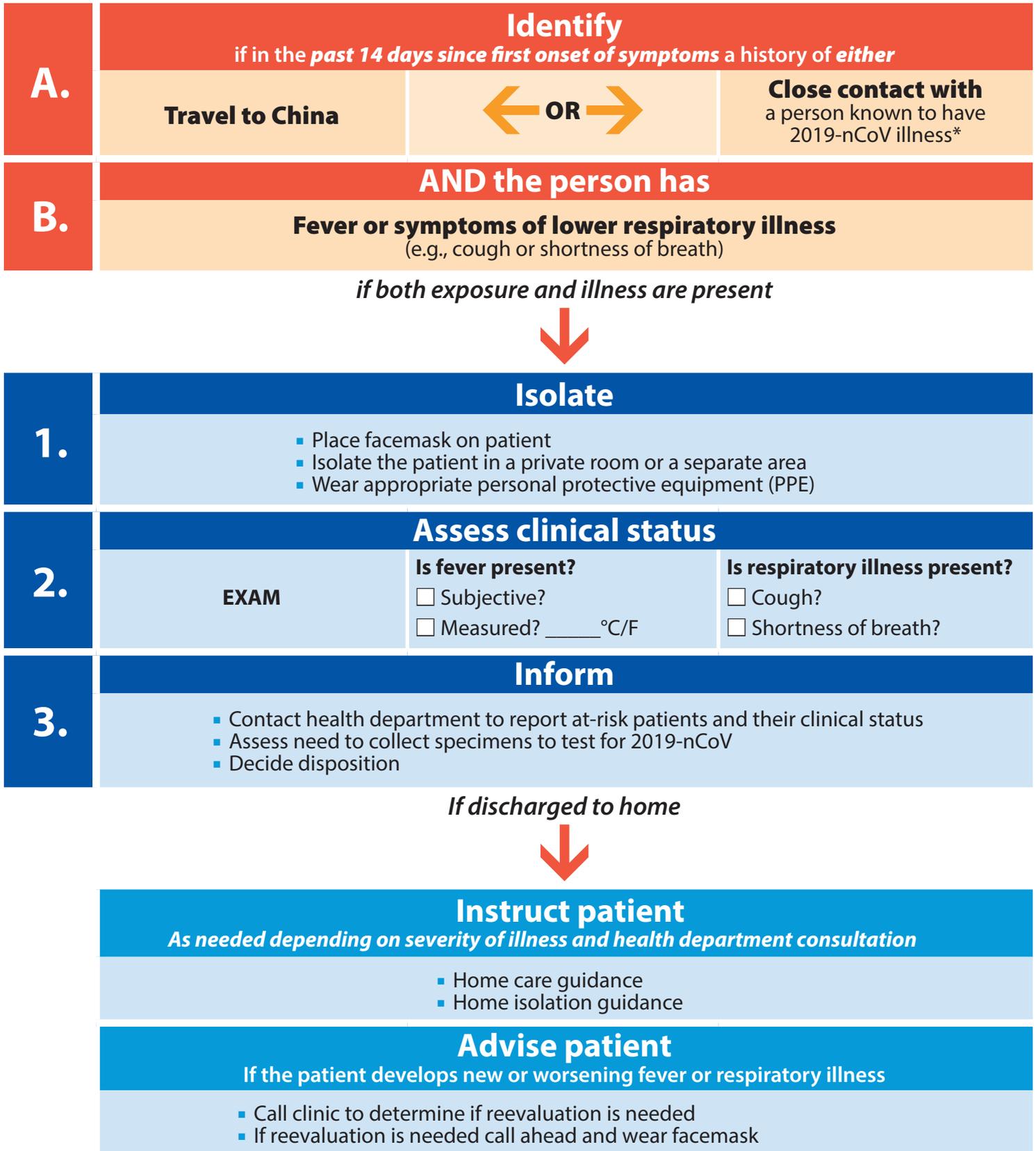
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Flowchart to Identify and Assess 2019 Novel Coronavirus

For the evaluation of patients who may be ill with or who may have been exposed to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)



* Documentation of laboratory-confirmation of 2019-nCoV may not be possible for travelers or persons caring for patients in other countries. For more clarification on the definition for close contact see CDC's Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html