

Novel Coronavirus 2019 (2019-nCoV)

Patient Screening and Communication Protocol

Clinical Features	&	Epidemiological Risk
Fever <i>OR</i> signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)	AND	Any person, including healthcare workers, who has had close contact with a lab-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever <i>AND</i> signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)	AND	A history of travel from China, Iran, Italy, South Korea or Japan 14 days of symptom onset
Fever (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)	AND	No source of exposure has been identified

If you have a patient with significant respiratory symptoms and recent travel to **China, Iran, Italy, South Korea or Japan**:

- **INITIATE CONTACT and AIRBORNE ISOLATION and EYEWEAR PROTECTION**
 - If you don't have the capacity for airborne isolation, put a surgical mask on the patient and place them in a private room.
- **IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY Infection Control**
 - Call your local Geisinger Hospital Switchboard and ask for the *Infection Control Preventionist On-Call*