

# Coronavirus COVID-19

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## COVID-19 Patient ID and Assessment for Primary Care with MD/NP

### 1 IDENTIFY

#### Patient reports:

Fever, new cough, or difficulty breathing

Give patient and accompanying person(s) a mask to wear and ask to perform hand hygiene

### 2 ISOLATE

- Place patient in an separate room/area
- Implement **Contact And Droplet Precautions**
- Put on appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

### 3 ASSESS

HISTORY – VITALS – RESP EXAM

Collect specimen<sup>1</sup>

### 4 DISPOSITION

**Requires Hospitalization:** Call ED to notify sending patient

**Returning home:** provide patient handout<sup>1</sup> and advise patient to limit contact with others and call 811 if symptoms worsen

**Clean and disinfect** surfaces touched by patient and accompanying person(s)

<sup>1</sup>BCCDC healthcare professionals resources

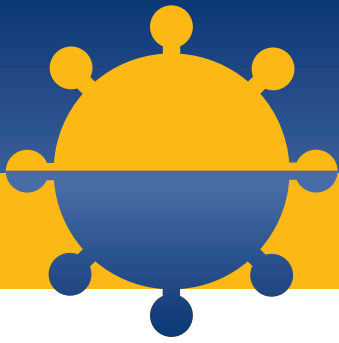
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<p><b>Does the patient report <u>any</u> of the following symptoms?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Fever</li> <li>■ Cough (new onset or exacerbation of chronic cough)</li> <li>■ Difficulty breathing/shortness of breath</li> </ul> <p><b>If yes,</b> Give patient and accompanying person(s) a mask to wear and ask to perform hand hygiene</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Place patient and accompanying individuals in a separate room or area with at least 2 meters separation between patients. Implement <b>Contact and Droplet Precautions</b></li> <li>■ Appropriately don (wear) and doff (remove) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): gown, gloves, eye protection (e.g. face shield or goggles) and surgical mask</li> <li>■ Perform hand hygiene before, during, and after patient care</li> <li>■ If performing aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMPs), move patient to a negative pressure room (whenever possible) and wear a fit-tested N95 respirator, gown, gloves and eye protection.<sup>1</sup> If this is not possible in the current setting, facilitate sending patient to a healthcare setting that can perform the procedure using airborne precautions. <b>NOTE:</b> Nasopharyngeal (NP) and throat swabs do not require use of N95 respirator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Assess clinical signs and symptoms and exposure risk (history, vitals, respiratory exam)</li> <li>■ Consider need to test for COVID-19. Either nasopharyngeal (NP) or throat swab are suitable (NP preferred).<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<p><b>Patient requires hospital care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Please call the ED to notify you are sending a suspect coronavirus patient</li> </ul> <p><b>Patient does not require hospital care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Provide patient handout available in the 'case management' section</li> <li>■ Instruct patient to call 1-833-707-2792 if results have not been received in 3-4 days</li> <li>■ Advise patient to limit contact with others and call 811 if symptoms worsen</li> <li>■ Public Health notification is not required</li> </ul> <p><b>Clean and disinfect surfaces touched by the patient and accompanying individuals</b></p>

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