

Patient Screening

3/3/2020

Ask: In the last 14 days before symptoms began, have you traveled from mainland China, S. Korea, Italy, Iran or Japan or had close contact with a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 patient or a person who is under investigation for COVID-19 while that person was sick?
Does the patient have fever and lower respiratory symptoms requiring hospitalization with no source of exposure identified, without alternative explanatory diagnosis e.g., influenza?

NO
No further follow up needed
Coronavirus NOT suspected

Key Messages for All
Wash hands frequently.
If ill, stay home & call your medical provider.
Avoid contact with body fluids of anyone ill.
Get the flu vaccine.

YES

**Notify a Health Department CD Nurse at 410-612-1779 or after hours 443-243-5726.
If unable to reach a CD Nurse then call MDH at 410-767-6700 or after hours at 410-795-7365.**

Determine if the patient has the following symptoms:

- (1) Fever of $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ or feel feverish **and/or**
- (2) Symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing)

NO
Coronavirus NOT suspected

YES

**HAVE PATIENT WEAR SURGICAL MASK-
Isolate the patient – No physical contact**

NURSE TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) Isolate patient in a single room with door closed, preferably with private bathroom IF NOT ALREADY DONE.
- (2) Nurse to don PPE observing standard, contact, and airborne precautions. Include :**N-95 fit tested mask, eye protection, gown and gloves.**
- (3) **Do an assessment to include: patient's name, DOB, address, travel history including dates of travel, onset date of symptoms and any contact with other sick persons.**
- (4) If patient severely ill, call 911 for transport to hospital Emergency Dept, tell 911 this is a possible Coronavirus case. If patient not severely ill, await further recommendations from the Harford County Health Department.
- (5) CD Nurse/Deputy Health Officer will direct all further actions, as appropriate.