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ATTENTION Public Health Alert

DATE: February 14, 2020

SUBJECT: 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19)

NOTIFY WESTCHESTER COUNTY DOH OF POSSIBLE CASES

This is a reminder to follow the attached CDC guidance and to screen patients for travel history. For persons that have returned from mainland China in the past 14 days, confirm that they have been in contact with the Westchester County Health Department and if not please contact the Health Department.

To reach the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDH):

- o 914-813-5159 Business Hours
- o 914-813-5000 After Hours

For symptomatic persons, contact the WCDH. Specimen collection will be determined in collaboration with CDC and NYSDOH.

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)



Is respiratory illness present?

☐ Shortness of breath?

☐ Cough?

Α.	Identify if in the past 14 days since first onset of symptoms a history of either		
	Travel to China	← OR →	Close contact with a person known to have 2019-nCoV illness*
В.	AND the person has		
	Fever or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)		
if both exposure and illness are present			
	Isolate		
1.			
	Assess clinical status		

Inform

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Contact health department to report at-risk patients and their clinical status

Is fever present?

☐ Subjective?

☐ Measured?

- Assess need to collect specimens to test for 2019-nCoV
- Decide disposition

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If discharged to home



Instruct patient

As needed depending on severity of illness and health department consultation

- Home care guidance
- Home isolation guidance

Advise patient

If the patient develops new or worsening fever or respiratory illness

- Call clinic to determine if reevaluation is needed
- If reevaluation is needed call ahead and wear facemask.

^{*} 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