

**South Central Task Force
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**South Central Task Force Planning Information: 2019
Novel (Wuhan) Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**

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This **SPOT REP** provides information and contacts for SCTF health, medical and emergency planners and personnel, relative to the 2019-nCoV. Updates will occur biweekly or as new information is received.

2019-nCoV is a new respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. While animal-to-person and person-to-person spread is suggested the situation is rapidly evolving. Corona viruses are thought to spread by respiratory droplets – currently there is no evidence to support transmission of the virus from imported goods from CHINA. The 2019 nCoV assessment flow chart is attached. The below references/links are the **BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE**:

- View public health information concerning this outbreak at the HHS-CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>.
- View occupational safety and health information concerning this outbreak at the OSHA website https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/novel_coronavirus/index.html.
- The U.S. Department of State has issued a Level 4 **DO NOT TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR CHINA** <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/china-travel-advisory.html> and most commercial airlines have cancelled flights to/from China.

CDC DOES NOT CURRENTLY RECOMMEND USE OF FACEMASKS AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE UNITED STATES (nCoV IS NOT CIRULATING IN U.S. COMMUNITIES).

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

PLANNERS

- PREPARE PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION FOR DISTRIBUTION.
- REVIEW SICK LEAVE POLICIES NOW.
- REVIEW AND UPDATE PANDEMIC PLANS NOW.
- MEDICAL FACILITIES: PREPARE AIRBORNE ISOLATION/INFECTION AREAS (AIIR) AND PROCEDURES.

PUBLIC

- STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK AND AVOID SICK PEOPLE.
- COVER NOSE/MOUTH WHEN YOU SNEEZE. AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH.
- WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY WITH SOAP/WATER, OR IF NOT AVAILABLE A 60% ALCOHOL HAND RUB.

ROUTINE CLEANING

- USE A PRODUCT WITH EPA APPROVAL FOR EMERGING VIRAL PATHOGENS OR HUMAN CORONAVIRUS.

IF YOU TRAVEL

- CARRY AND USE HAND WIPES (60% ALCOHOL).
- AVOID GLASSWARE & BEDSPREADS IN HOTEL (USE DISPOSABLES AND BRING A TRAVEL BLANKET).

PPE FOR CLINICIANS

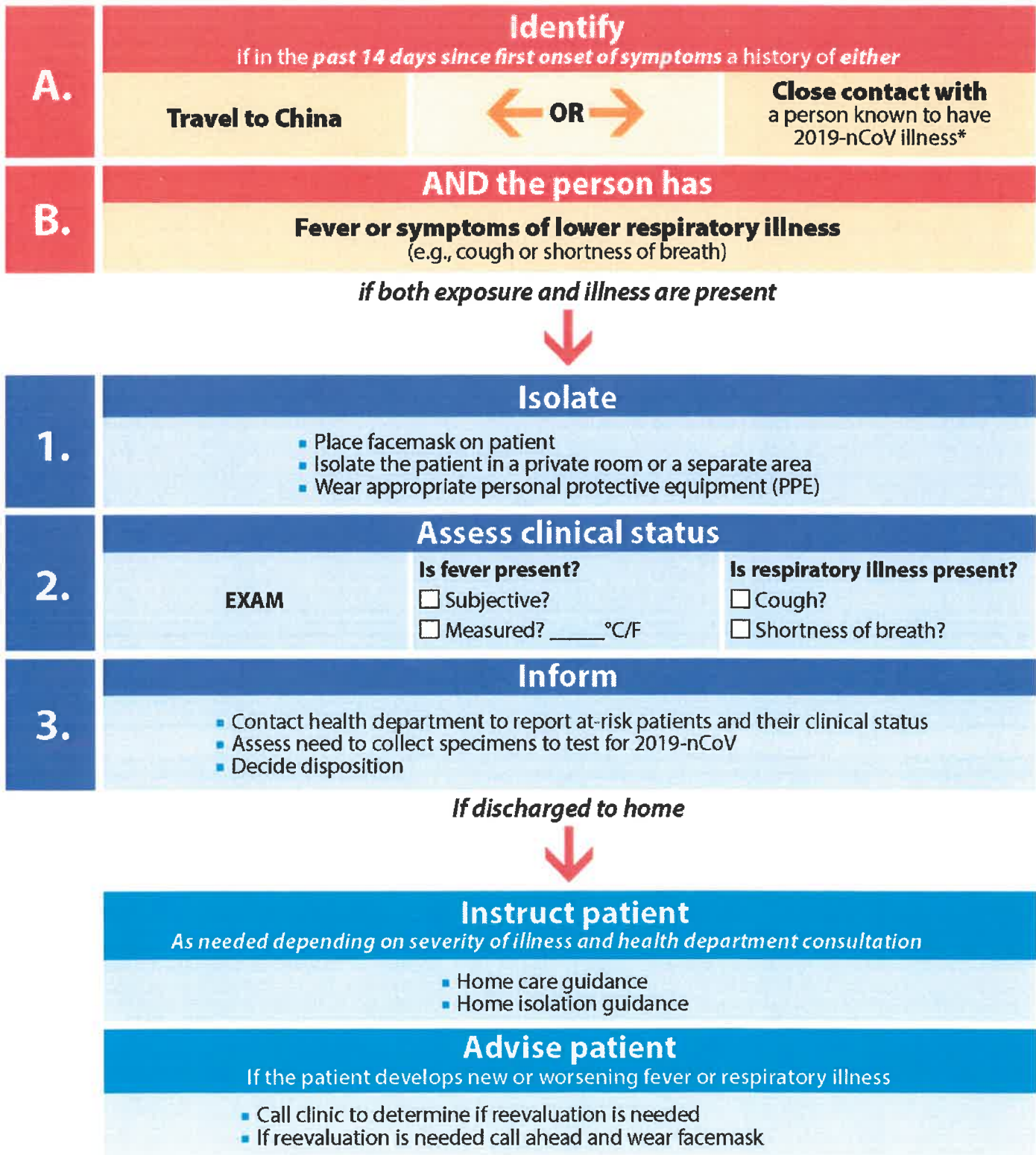
- IF INDICATED BY RISK ASSESSMENT (SEE ATTACHED FLOWCHART) USE GLOVES/GOWN/GOGGLES AND FACESHIELD/N-95 OR EN149-FFP3 RESPIRATOR.



USE NIOSH APPROVED N-95 RESPIRATORS FOR EXPOSURES WITHIN 2m (6 FT.) OF SUSPECT nCoV. EN149-FFP3 RESPIRATORS MEET INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS EQUIVALENT TO N-95 RESPIRATORS.

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