

# Emergency Department Evaluation and Management of Patients Under Investigation for COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) Infection

## Identify exposure history:

In the 14 days before symptom onset, patient traveled from a COVID-19 affected geographic area\* or had close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus).

NO

Continue with usual triage.

YES

## Identify signs and symptoms:

Fever (subjective or  $>100.4$  F or  $38.0$  C) or symptoms of lower respiratory illness, such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

NO

Continue with usual triage. HCP follow droplet standard precautions.

YES

## Isolate and Prevent Transmission:

- Place mask on patient.
- Escort patient to exam room (negative pressure if available) immediately and close the door.
- Healthcare Personnel (HCP) entering the exam room must wear a gown, gloves, eye protection (goggles or face shield), a N-95 mask or PAPR (if no shortage) or a regular face mask if N95 in short supply.
- Only essential HCP and Clinician should evaluate the patient.

### Inform

- Notify the Infection Preventionist or Nursing Supervisor

## Questions?

- M-F Daytime hours: **Infection Prevention: X85519 or page via operator**
- After hours: **Contact Nursing House Supervisor**

\*Current COVID-19 geographic areas of concern: China, Iran, Italy, Japan, So. Korea, Europe, international cruises