



## Updated Screening Guidance for Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

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The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) is notifying healthcare providers about the **updated screening guidelines** for the 2019-nCoV to include the Hubei Province in China. At this time, the risk to the general public in Illinois remains low.

Currently, no cases have been identified in Winnebago County. As a reminder, the Health Department is available 24/7 to support and assist Healthcare Providers at 815-720-4050.

### Healthcare Providers Are Asked To Use The Updated Guidance Below:

1. Conduct a travel history for individuals presenting with fever and respiratory symptoms.
  - Use the chart below to identify patients with clinical symptoms that should be evaluated for 2019-nCoV

Clinical Symptoms	AND	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever <sup>1</sup> <b>or</b> symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing )	<b>AND</b>	In the last 14 days before symptom onset, a history of travel from <b>Hubei Province, China</b> .
Fever <sup>1</sup> <b>or</b> symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing )	<b>AND</b>	In the last 14 days before symptom onset, any person, including health care workers, who has had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient.
Fever <sup>1</sup> <b>or</b> symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing) <b>requiring hospitalization</b>	<b>AND</b>	In the last 14 days before symptom onset, a history of travel from mainland China.

<sup>1</sup>Fever may be subjective or confirmed.

2. Promptly isolate all suspect Person Under Investigations (PUIs) as per guidance below.
  - Ask patients to wear a surgical mask as soon as they are identified
  - Evaluate patients in a private room with the door closed, ideally an negative pressure room if available
  - Use standard precautions, contact precautions, airborne precautions, and eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield) when entering the room
3. Immediately contact your infection control team and the Winnebago County Health Department.
  - Notify the Winnebago County Health Department by calling **815-720-4050**.
  - **Complete the Patient Under Investigation (PUI) form** at:
    - [http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/pui-form%20IL\\_0.pdf](http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/pui-form%20IL_0.pdf)
  - Fax the completed form to the Winnebago County Health Department at **815-962-5161**
4. Assist with specimen collection and diagnostic testing when approval is obtained by WCHD.

For more information, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/> .

