



Update On Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Guidance

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The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) is notifying healthcare providers about the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) first detected in Wuhan, China. The first case has been confirmed in Illinois in the City of Chicago. At this time, no cases have been identified in Winnebago County. Winnebago County Health Department in partnership with regional local health departments continues to conduct surveillance and prepare to respond. 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:

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	&	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever ¹ and symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing)	and	In the last 14 days before symptom onset, a history of travel from Wuhan City, China. – or – In the last 14 days before symptom onset, close contact with a person who is under investigation for 2019-nCoV while that person was ill.
Fever ¹ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing)	and	In the last 14 days, close contact with an ill laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient.

¹Fever may not be present in some patients, such as those who are very young, elderly, immunosuppressed, or taking fever-reducing medications. Clinical judgement should be used to guide testing of patients in these situations.

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 local health department (list below).
 - 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
 - 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/>.

