

Clinical Features	&	Epidemiologic Risk
1. Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath).	AND	Any person, including health care workers, who has had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient within 14 days of symptom onset, or
2. Fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath).	AND	A history of travel from Hubei Province , China within 14 days of symptom onset, or
3. Fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization.	AND	A history of travel from mainland China within 14 days of symptom onset.

- **Immediately contact the Monterey County Health Department** if the symptomatic person meets the above PUI criteria.
 - Call 831-755-4521 during normal business hours and 831-755-5100 after normal business hours. When calling the after-hours line, ask for the Hazardous Materials Team, who will transfer you to the on-call Health Officer.
 - Do not wait for results from other rule out tests (e.g., flu, RSV, etc.) before calling the Health Department.
- **Isolate individuals with suspected 2019-nCoV.** Place a surgical mask on the patient. Move the patient to an airborne infection isolation room (AIIR), if available.
 - If no AIIR is available, place the patient in a single-patient room and close the door.
 - Staff entering the room should use standard, contact, and airborne precautions with the addition of eye protection (e.g., gloves, gown, N95 respirator, and a face shield or goggles).
 - In accordance with CalOSHA guidelines, PAPRs should be used for any aerosol-generating procedures.
- Under the guidance of Monterey County Health Department staff, **collect appropriate specimens.**
 - Nasopharyngeal swab (NP) AND oropharyngeal (OP) swab using synthetic fiber swabs with plastic shafts placed in 2-3 mL of viral transport media (VTM), and
 - Sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage, or tracheal aspirate collected in a sterile dry container. Sputum specimens should be at least 5 mL; 2-3mL of bronchoalveolar lavage or tracheal aspirate is needed, and
 - 5-10 mL of whole blood in a serum separator tube.
 - Additional specimens may also be requested including stool and urine.
 - Specimens should be refrigerated at 2-8° C.
- **Post signage at facility points of entry** requesting individuals who have respiratory symptoms and recently traveled to China to check in and don a mask.
 - Signage in English, Spanish, and Chinese is available for download on the Monterey County Health Department website at www.mtyhd.org/2019nCoV.
 - Educate frontline reception staff about screening and infection control procedures.

Health Alert: Warrants immediate action or attention. **Health Advisory:** Provides information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action. **Health Update:** Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

For more information about testing, diagnosing, and reporting 2019-nCoV, please contact the Monterey County Health Department's Communicable Disease Unit at 831-755-4521. Additional information is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.