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Note: On February 11, 2020, The World Health Organization (WHO) announced an official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, COVID-19.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to monitor the outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus (COVID-19), initially detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. As you may recall, the first confirmed case in the United States was identified on January 21, 2020. To date, symptoms reported in people with COVID-19 have ranged from mild (no or few signs and symptoms), to severe, including death. These findings are consistent with other known coronaviruses, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) (<https://www.cdc.gov/sars/>) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/index.html>). At this point in time, the goal of the ongoing US public health response is to identify, contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the United States. It has been determined over the past few weeks that COVID-19 can be transmitted via person-person contact.

As such, the CDC recommends that healthcare facilities assess patients for exposures associated with risk of COVID-19 infections (e.g., travel to China or close contact with a confirmed case) and for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>). On February 2, 2020, the CDC released, "Update and Interim Guidance on Outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)" (<https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00427.asp>), that provides guidance pertaining to the appropriate infection control and management of patients with suspected COVID-19. The CDC's updated interim guidance also includes additional guidance for:

- clinicians caring for patients with 2019-nCoV (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>),
- public health officials on the evaluation and testing of patients under investigation (PUIs) for 2019-nCoV (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>), and

- updated infection prevention and control guidance specific to 2019-nCoV (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html>).

With respect to identifying and assessing patients who may be ill with or who may have been exposed to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), please see the CDC's "**Flowchart to Identify and Assess 2019 Novel Coronavirus,**" located at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/identify-assess-flowchart.html>.

Additional Resources:

- ECRI, Corona Outbreak Preparedness Center, www.ecri.org
- Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings
- World Health Organization, Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)
- WHO Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Technical Guidance

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