

Management of a suspected case of 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease

Does the patient have:

EITHER

- acute respiratory infection of any degree of severity (including at least one of: fever, shortness of breath or cough) OR
- severe acute respiratory infection requiring admission to hospital with clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome

Primary care

- isolate the patient (and their belongings or waste) in a side room with the door closed
- do not physically examine the patient
- if consultation/examination had already started, leave the room and wash your hands
- seek specialist advice from a local microbiologist, virologist, or infectious diseases physician

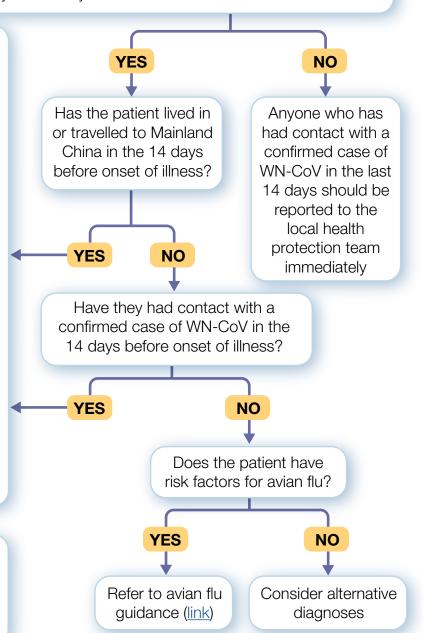
Secondary care

- place the patient in respiratory isolation, and PPE is worn by any person entering the room
- seek specialist advice from a local microbiologist, virologist, or infectious diseases physician

Patient phone call

 advise the patient to stay at home whilst appropriate transport can be arranged

Notify the local PHE Health Protection Team by phone Consider self isolation at home for patients who are clinically stable if safe transport home can be arranged



Foot note - For further guidance:

Link to background information

Link to initial investigation of possible cases guidance

Link to infection prevention and control guidance

Link to primary care management guidance

Link to clinical diagnostic laboratories guidance