Job Aid for Clinicians
How to send information to the Arkansas Department of Health about a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

We recommend initially asking about any travel in the last 14 days. Patients in the United States who meet the following criteria should be evaluated as a PUI (Person under investigation) in association with the outbreak of 2019-nCoV.

**Identify PUI for COVID-19 based on definition below:**

1) Fever OR signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) — AND any person, including health care workers, who has had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset.

2) Fever AND signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization
   — AND a history of travel from affected geographic areas (see link

3) Fever WITH severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., ARDS, severe pneumonia) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanatory diagnosis after testing (e.g. influenza, etc.)
   - AND no source of exposure has been identified.


**Contact the Arkansas Department of Health’s Outbreak Response Section when you identify or suspect a PUI for Novel Coronavirus.**

- (501) 537-8969 Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
- 1-(800) 554-5738 after hours and weekends

**First:** Surgical mask for the patient upon entry. Isolate the patient (single room, closed door). Staff need to use standard, contact, and airborne precautions along with eye protection (i.e. gloves, gown, N 95 mask, goggles/faceshield). Immediately notify your infection control.


**Third:** Perform routine testing but collect other samples and hold for testing until you consult with the ADH Outbreak Response Section:

- Upper Respiratory (Nasopharyngeal AND Oropharyngeal swabs)
- Lower Respiratory (sputum or BAL), if available


**Consult with Outbreak Response for next steps.**

Questions – Contact Outbreak Response Section 501-537-8969 (or after hours and weekends 1-800-554-5738)

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