

Management of a suspected case of Wuhan novel coronavirus (WN-CoV)

Does the patient have :

EITHER

- acute respiratory infection of any degree of severity (including at least one of: shortness of breath, cough or sore throat) **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

YES

Has the patient lived in or travelled to Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in the 14 days before onset of illness?

YES

NO

Have they had contact with a confirmed case of WN-CoV in the 14 days before onset of illness?*

YES

NO

Does the patient have risk factors for avian flu?

YES

NO

Refer to avian flu guidance ([link](#))

Consider alternative diagnoses

Anyone who has had contact with a confirmed case of WN-CoV in the last 14 days should be reported to the local health protection team immediately

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](#)