

# 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](#)