**Clinical features & Epidemiologic Risk**

- Fever* and symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing).
- In the last 14 days before symptom onset, a history of travel from Wuhan City, China. **-or-**
- In the last 14 days before symptom onset, close contact** with a person who is under investigation for 2019-nCoV while that person was ill.

The criteria are intended to serve as guidance for evaluation. Patients should be evaluated and discussed with public health departments on a case-by-case basis if their clinical presentation or exposure history is equivocal (e.g., uncertain travel or exposure).

If yes, **Contact Local or Regional Health Department***

If no, 2019-nCoV testing not recommended

**Contact Local Jurisdiction** determines if Person meets 2019-nCoV Patient Under Investigation (PUI) criteria

- Yes
  - Contact DSHS EAIĐU and confirm that it meets PUI criteria
  - Public Health
  - CDC agrees it meets PUI criteria
  - Specimen is shipped to CDC
  - Test result notification to DSHS and Submitter****
  - **Submitter may include health care facilities, providers, etc.

- No
  - 2019-nCoV testing not recommended
  - DSHS provides specimen guidelines
  - **Submitter collects and holds specimen until CDC agrees to testing

*Fever may not be present in some patients, such as those who are very young, elderly, immuno suppressed, or taking certain fever-lowering medications. Clinical judgment should be used to guide testing of patients in such situations.

**Close contact is defined as**

a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters), or within the room or care area, of a novel coronavirus for a prolonged period of time while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection); close contact can include caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a novel coronavirus case. **-or-**

b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a novel coronavirus case (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment.

***Find your Local Health Department: [https://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/contacts/](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/contacts/).

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