February 28, 2020


Healthcare providers who are concerned a patient may be infected with COVID-19 should:

- Mask the patient
- Isolate the patient in a private room or separate area, and
- Contact the SD-DOH (800-592-1861 or 605-773-3737) immediately for consultation and guidance.

- A person under investigation (e.g., suspect) is:

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<th>Clinical Features</th>
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<td>Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization</td>
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<td>Fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)</td>
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- **Affected Geographic Areas** with Widespread or Sustained Community Transmission:
  - China
  - Iran
  - Italy
  - Japan
  - South Korea

- **Note:** Travelers returning from China or contacts being monitored by SD-DOH who experience symptoms of COVID-19 have been informed to contact SD-DOH prior to presenting for care at a health care facility.