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SD-HAN 20-003: South Dakota Guidance on Evaluating Persons for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection

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:

Clinical Features	AND	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or 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
Fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization	AND	A history of travel from affected geographic areas within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)	AND	No source of exposure has been identified

- **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.