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SD-HAN 20-007: South Dakota Guidance on Evaluating Persons for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection (Updates SD-HAN 20-003)

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,
- Evaluate the patient while wearing personal protective equipment (PPE: gown, gloves, face shield, N95 respirator), 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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*Individual meets the risk exposure criterion if they have one of the following:
- Close contact to a laboratory-confirmed case within 14 days of symptom onset.
- History of travel to a geographic area with community transmission in a state within 14 days of symptom onset. Visit CDC website for the current list of states.
- History of travel from a country under a Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Advisory. Visit CDC website for the current list of countries.

**Elevated Risk for Severe COVID-19 Infection
- Hospitalized patients
- Older adults (65 years of age and older
- Individuals with certain pre-existing conditions (e.g., heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, and immunosuppressed)

***Any healthcare worker who was caring for or who had unprotected direct contact with infectious secretions or excretions of a suspected COVID-19 patient or laboratory-confirmed case within 14 days of symptoms onset.

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

The CDC issued HAN-429, Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which is attached and can be found at: https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00429.asp

Modified from the CDC guidance at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html