Suspected COVID-19 Process Example

Provider suspects a COVID-19 PUI

Notify Infection Preventionist

Implement appropriate isolation precautions (standard, contact, airborne, and eye protection) & Test patient for Influenza AND RVP

IMMEDIATELY CALL 24/7 KDHE EPIDEMIOLOGY HOTLINE 877-427-7317

KDHE approves patient for testing

Collect and send necessary specimens to KHEL

Is the patient appropriate for sheltering in place at home?

YES

Notify KDHE
Follow CDC’s Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care

NO

Contact hospital and let them know PUI is coming

Place mask on patient and transport via private transportation if stable

Hospital staff to meet patient in parking lot and escort directly to isolation

NO

Treat patient for respiratory illness/symptoms

Note: KDHE will provide specific instructions for this process!
Definition of a Person Under Investigation (PUI)*
Report any PUI to the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 1-877-427-7317 immediately

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<th>Epidemiologic Risk</th>
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<td>Close contact* with a person that has laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and developed symptoms within 14 days of contact</td>
<td>AND</td>
<td>Fever* or lower respiratory illness (cough or shortness of breath)</td>
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<td>History of travel® within 14 days of symptom onset</td>
<td>AND</td>
<td>Fever* and lower respiratory symptoms (cough or shortness of breath) without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza, strep, rhinovirus/enterovirus)</td>
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<td>No source of exposure has been identified</td>
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Being within 6 feet for a prolonged period (10 minutes or longer) or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g. being coughed on)
Measured fever, CANNOT be subjective
Recommended other respiratory tests are performed based on symptoms (e.g., rapid influenza, rapid strep, respiratory viral panel)
History of travel includes travel outside of the U.S. to countries with travel advisories, to states with COVID-19, and attendance to mass gatherings (e.g., conferences, cruises, concerts)

Testing for 2019-nCoV
Diagnostic testing for COVID-19 through KHEL must be approved by KDHE.
Contact the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline for testing approval and specimen submission guidance.

If a PUI tests positive for another respiratory pathogen, after clinical evaluation and consultation with KDHE, they may no longer be considered a PUI.

This process may change as more information becomes available on COVID-19.

Specimen Collection and Submission Guidelines

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<td>Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab</td>
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<td>Insert a swab in the nostril parallel to the palate. Leave in place for a few seconds to absorb secretions.</td>
<td><strong>Transport device:</strong> Sterile leak-proof containers.</td>
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- Collect only using synthetic tip swabs (ex. Dacron, Nylon, Polyester) with non-wooden shaft.
- Place swabs immediately into sterile tubes containing 2-3ml viral transport media (VTM)

**If swabs are NOT in VTM they will be REJECTED**

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