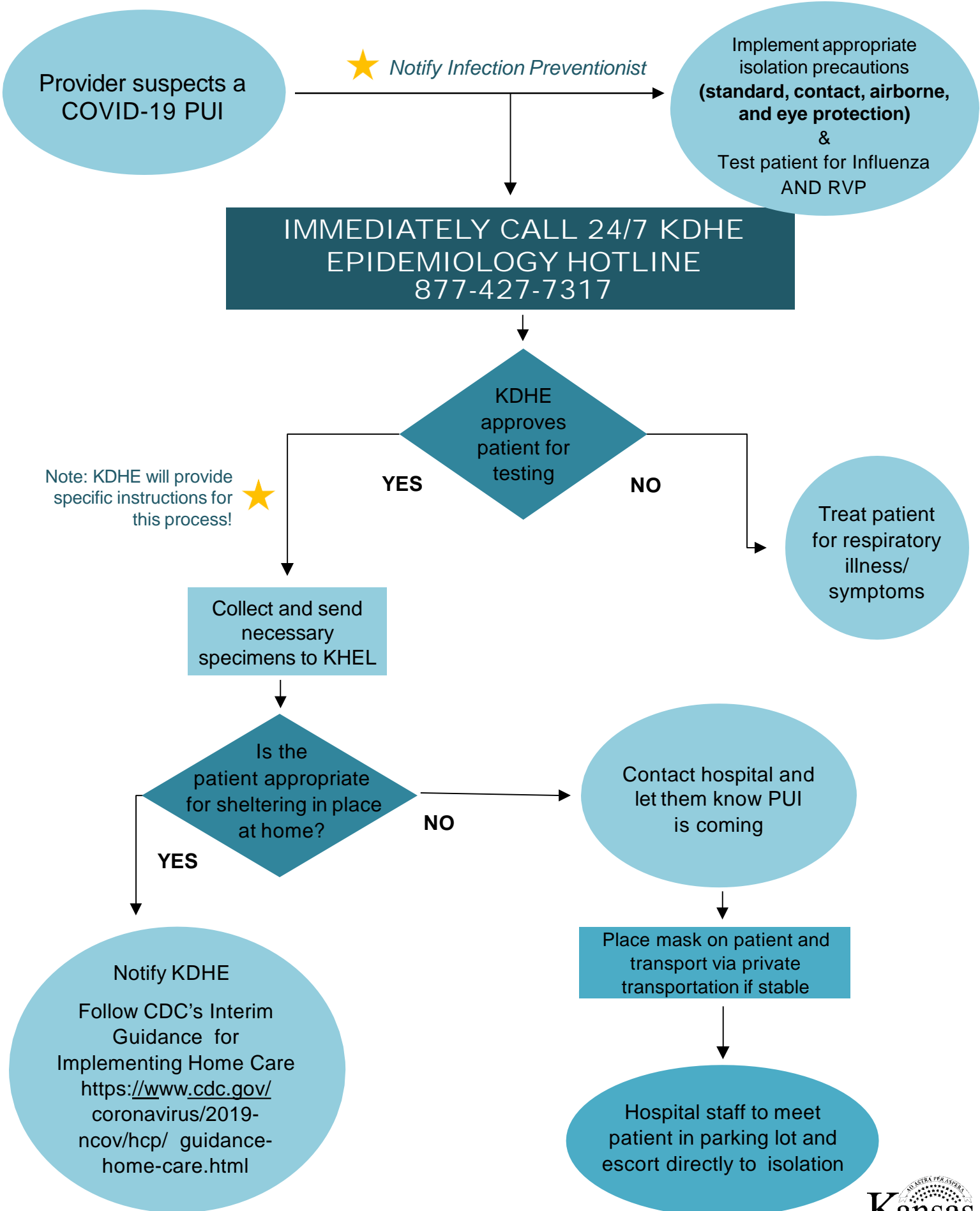


Suspected COVID-19 Process Example



Definition of a Person Under Investigation (PUI)*

Report any PUI to the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 1-877-427-7317 immediately

Epidemiologic Risk	&	Clinical Features
Close contact [^] with a person that has laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and developed symptoms within 14 days of contact	AND	Fever* or lower respiratory illness (cough or shortness of breath)
History of travel [§] within 14 days of symptom onset	AND	Fever* and lower respiratory symptoms (cough or shortness of breath) without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza, strep, rhinovirus/enterovirus)
No source of exposure has been identified		

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.

Testing for other respiratory pathogens should not delay specimen shipping to KHEL.

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

Specimen Type and Collection Procedures	Shipping and Handling
<p>UPPER RESPIRATORY SPECIMEN</p> <p>Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab</p> <p>Insert a swab in the nostril parallel to the palate. Leave in place for a few seconds to absorb secretions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) <p>**If swabs are NOT in VTM they will be REJECTED**</p>	<p>Transport device: Sterile leak-proof containers.</p> <p>Transport: Ship cold (2 - 8°C) on ice packs. If previously frozen, ship on dry ice.</p> <p>Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C up to 72 hrs. If arriving at KHEL ≥ 72 hrs. after collection, freeze at ≤ -70°C.</p>