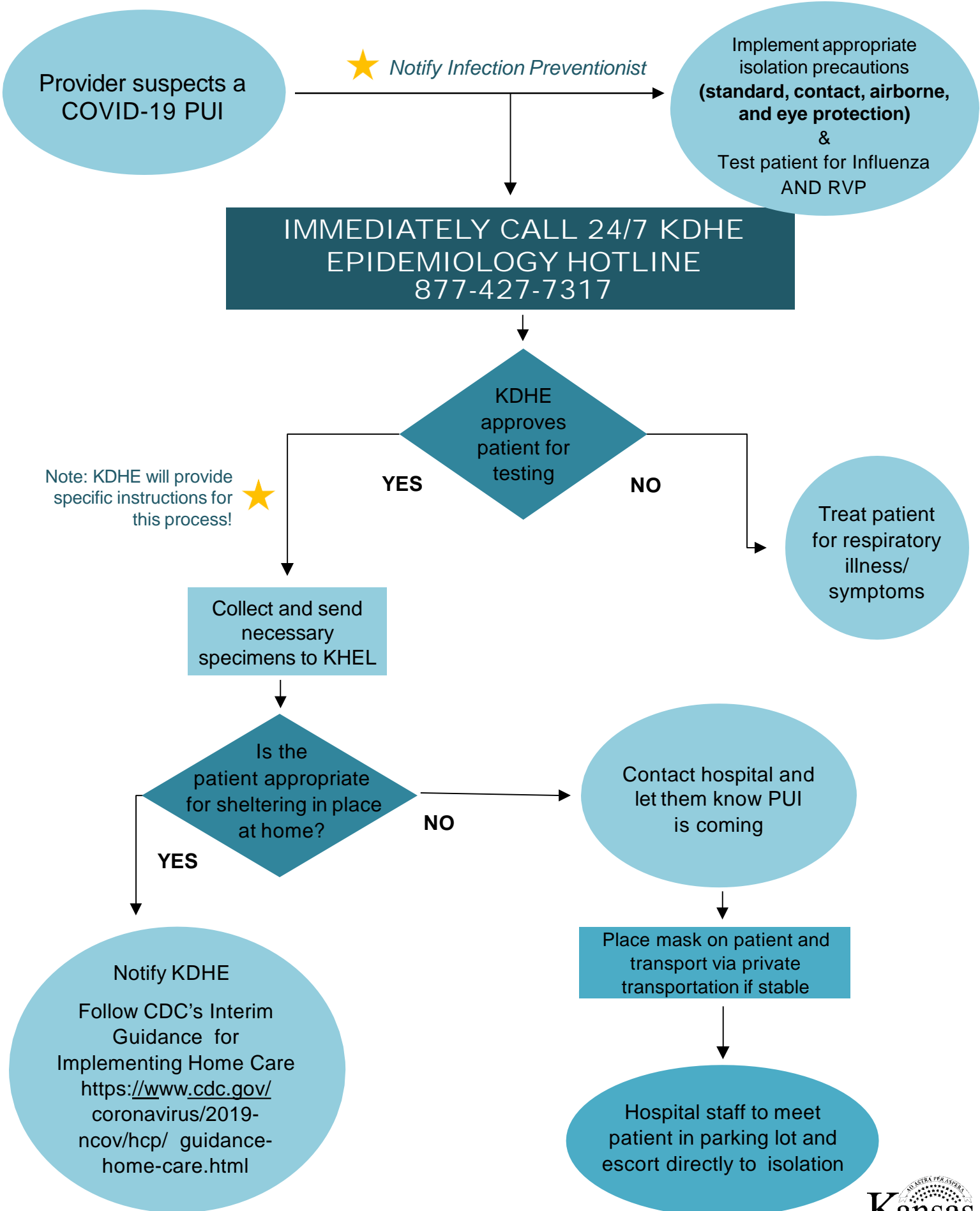


# Suspected COVID-19 Process Example



# Definition of a Person Under Investigation (PUI)\*

Report any PUI to the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline by filling out and faxing [a form](#) to 877-427-7318

Epidemiologic Risk	&	Clinical Features
Close contact <sup>^</sup> with a person that has laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and developed symptoms within 14 days of contact	AND	Measured fever above 100°F <b>or</b> lower respiratory illness (cough or shortness of breath)
History of travel outside of Kansas within 14 days of symptom onset	AND	Measured fever above 100°F <b>and</b> lower respiratory symptoms (cough or shortness of breath) <b>and</b> other respiratory tests were performed and are negative
No source of exposure has been identified		
Kansas resident in a county with sustained community transmission*	AND	Severe respiratory illness <b>and</b> hospitalized <b>and</b> other respiratory tests were performed and are negative

<sup>^</sup>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)

\*Currently this only includes Johnson County

## Testing for 2019-nCoV

Diagnostic testing for COVID-19 is now available through LabCorp, Mayo Clinic Laboratories, Quest Diagnostics, and Viracor. Testing through KHEL **must** be approved by KDHE. Fill out a [testing approval form](#), fax to 877-427-7318, and include a copy with the specimen.

Testing for other respiratory pathogens does not need to delay specimen collection for COVID-19 testing.

## Specimen Collection and Submission Guidelines

Specimen Type and Collection Procedures	Shipping and Handling
<p><b>UPPER RESPIRATORY SPECIMEN</b></p> <p><b>Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab</b></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"> <li>• Collect only using synthetic tip swabs (ex. Dacron, Nylon, Polyester) with non-wooden shaft.</li> <li>• Place swabs immediately into sterile tubes containing 2-3ml viral transport media (VTM) or 2-3mL of 0.85% sterile saline</li> </ul> <p><b>**If swabs are NOT in VTM or sterile saline they will be REJECTED**</b></p>	<p><b>Transport device:</b> Sterile leak-proof containers.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> Ship cold (2 - 8°C) on ice packs. If previously frozen, ship on dry ice.</p> <p><b>Storage:</b> Refrigerate at 2-8°C up to 72 hrs. If arriving at KHEL ≥ 72 hrs. after collection, freeze at ≤ -70°C.</p>