Healthcare Professional Preparedness Checklist For Transport and Arrival of Patients Potentially Infected with COVID-19

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Front-line healthcare personnel in the United States should be prepared to evaluate patients for novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The following checklist highlights key steps for healthcare personnel in preparation for transport and arrival of patients potentially infected with COVID-19.

☐ Stay up to date on the latest information about signs and symptoms, diagnostic testing, and case definitions for COVID-19.

☐ Review your infection prevention and control policies and CDC infection control recommendations for COVID-19 for:
- Assessment and triage of patients with acute respiratory symptoms
- Patient placement
- Implementation of Standard, Contact, and Airborne Precautions, including the use of eye protection
- Visitor management and exclusion
- Source control measures for patients (e.g., put facemask on suspect patients)
- Requirements for performing aerosol generating procedures

☐ Be alert for patients who meet the persons under investigation (PUI) definition. For the most up to date definition please contact the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 1-877-427-7317

☐ Report a potential COVID-19 case or exposure to facility infection control leads and KDHE at 1-877-427-7317

☐ Know who, when, and how to seek evaluation by occupational health following an unprotected exposure (i.e., not wearing recommended PPE) to a suspected or confirmed nCoV patient

☐ Remain at home, and notify occupational health services, if you are ill

☐ Know how to contact and receive information from your state or local public health agency