Identify, Isolate, Inform: Ambulatory Care Evaluation of Patients with Possible COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease)

Scenario 1
Identify exposure history:
In the 14 days before symptom onset, patient traveled to: China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or South Korea.

YES

Identify signs and symptoms
Fever (subjective or 100.4F or 38.0 C) AND symptoms of lower respiratory illness, such as cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.

YES

NO

NO

Scenario 2
Identify exposure history:
In the 14 days before symptom onset, patient had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient.

YES

Identify signs and symptoms
Fever (subjective or 100.4F or 38.0 C) OR symptoms of lower respiratory illness, such as cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.

YES

NO

Scenario 3
Identify exposure history
No known source of exposure identified.

YES

Isolate and Prevent Transmission:
- Place mask on patient.
- Escort patient to exam room immediately and close the door.
- Healthcare Personnel (HCP) entering the exam room must wear a gown, gloves, and a standard mask (N-95 mask if test fitted), and eye protection (goggles or face shield).
- Only essential HCP and Clinician should evaluate the patient.

Inform:
- Contact your local Public Health Department IMMEDIATELY
- Coordinate next steps, specimen collection and discharge from Clinic with Public Health.
- If patient will be discharged to a lab or other health care facility, notify receiving facility of suspected diagnosis.

Contact your Infection Preventionist or your Division Lead for Quality.

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