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The New York State Department of Health: Health Advisory: Interim Guidance for Healthcare Providers and Facilities in New York State on the Outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

SUMMARY

- The attached Health Update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides updated information about an outbreak of a 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China that began in December 2019.
- CDC will today begin screening travelers on direct and indirect flights from Wuhan to John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport.
- NYSDOH is working closely with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and other public health partners to support CDC's efforts at JFK. In accordance with the current requirements and expectations from the 2014 Commissioner's Order, healthcare providers and facilities are required to collect a travel history for patients presenting with febrile illness and remain aware of current outbreaks overseas.
- As described in CDC's Health Update, patients who meet either of the following criteria should be evaluated as a person under investigation (PUI) in association with the 2019-nCoV outbreak.
 - o Fever AND symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) and in the last 14 days before symptom onset had:
 - A history of travel from Wuhan City, China OR
 - Close contact with a person who is under investigation for 2019-nCoV while that person was ill.
 - o Fever OR

symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) and in the last 14 days before symptom onset: ▪ Had close contact with an ill laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient.

- Providers caring for patients who meet either PUI criteria should follow CDC's recommended infection prevention and control guidelines and immediately notify the local health department (LHD) where the patient resides. Notification is required under the New York State Sanitary Code (10NYCRR 2.10).
 - Providers who are unable to reach the LHD can contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at 518-473-4439 during business hours or the NYSDOH Public Health Duty Officer at 1-866-881-2809 evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- NYSDOH will assist providers in determining and accessing appropriate laboratory testing for respiratory pathogens and if indicated, 2019-nCoV. Specimen collection and shipping instructions will also be provided.

Please visit the NYSDOH website for full information and guidance, by clicking here: https://health.ny.gov/press/advisories/docs/2019_novel_coronavirus.pdf

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