Triage of the Suspected Coronavirus Patient in Ambulatory Clinics

CRITERIA FOR A PERSON UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR COVID-19
Patient presenting with fever and/or lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath). Fever may be measured or subjective.

And screened positive for:
- Travel to China, Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea in the past 14 days OR
- Close contact (within 6 feet) with a patient known to have Coronavirus within the past 14 days? OR
- Fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g. Influenza)

PATIENT CALLS CLINIC WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING RECENT TRAVEL TO AFFECTED GEOGRAPHIC AREA
Asymptomatic patient:
Refer patient to the Vermont Department of Health 863-7240
- VDH will initiate regular contact with individual for 14 after they left affected area to monitor for symptoms

Symptomatic Patient:
Follow Screening Algorithm for Coronavirus. If patient screen positive Call Infectious Disease Attending via PAS 847-2700
ID attending will provide guidance in further assessment of patient to determine acuity of symptoms
- Patients with mild symptoms and no significant co-morbidities
  - Follow directives of ID Attending, which may be care at home
  - Educate patient/family member in self-care and symptom management for respiratory illness.
- Patient with moderate to severe illness and/or significant co-morbidities
  - Follow directives of ID Attending regarding appropriate next steps for care and treatment, likely Urgent Care or ED for testing and further evaluation
PATIENT PRESENTS TO CLINIC WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING RECENT TRAVEL TO AFFECTED GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Asymptomatic patient: as above
Refer patient to the Vermont Department of Health 863-7240

Symptomatic Patient: Initiate Travel Screen

In the event of a positive screening:
- Isolate the patient in a private room, wearing a surgical mask.
- Have patient perform hand hygiene.
- Limit staff contact with patient to immediate needs only.

Staff:
- Don appropriate PPE for Standard, Contact, and Airborne Precautions:
  - Gloves
  - Gown
  - N95 Respirator
  - Face shield

Call ID attending on call via PAS 847-2700
Follow standard cleaning process after the patient leaves the room.
Room must remain vacant with the door closed for 2 hours after the patient leaves.