Algorithm for Screening Patients for Coronavirus

At this time we are implementing a screening process for patients presenting to the clinic, and Telephone triage patients, who seek care for fever and/or lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) fever may be subjective, or measured.

This initial question should be asked by staff at the point of check-in or when initiating a Telephone Encounter

**Does patient have a fever and/or lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath)?**

- **NO**
  - Not a Person Under Investigation
  - Follow standard triage protocols

- **YES**
  - Travel Exposure Risk
  - $	ext{Travel to China, Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea in the past 14 days OR}$
  - $	ext{Close contact (within 6 feet) with a patient known to have Coronavirus within the past 14 days? OR}$
  - $	ext{Fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g. influenza)}$

**Where is patient?**

- **At home**
  - 1. Advise patient to stay where they are and await further direction
  - 2. Call the Infectious Disease provider on call, via PAS 847-2700, for further direction

- **In the office or UCC**
  - 1. Isolate the patient in single room.
  - 2. Initiate STANDARD, CONTACT, and AIRBORNE precautions with appropriate PPE.
  - 3. Limit staff contact with patient.
  - 4. Call the Infectious Disease provider on call, via PAS 847-2700, for further direction
  - 5. SEE *Care of Suspected Coronavirus Patient* document

Infectious Disease will notify VDH

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