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MemorialCare Medical Foundation Healthcare Professionals:

A new virus was recently identified in Wuhan City, China. This novel coronavirus causes respiratory infections that can be severe in some patients. Numerous cases have been identified in China to date, and cases have also spread to other countries. The first U.S. case was identified on 1/20/2020 and since that time several cases have emerged. Because of the ongoing risk of new cases emerging in other parts of the country, MemorialCare is taking a system-wide approach to prevent the spread of the virus and protect all our patients.

Screening travel history is our MOST important tool:

- Travel from CDC-identified areas in the last 14 days or contact with an ill person from those areas in the last 14 days.

Symptoms: (similar to influenza and lower respiratory illnesses)

- Fever >100.4 F
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Isolation & testing recommendations:

- Standard, Contact, and Airborne Precautions, including the use of eye protection
- At this time, diagnostic testing for 2019-nCoV can be conducted only at CDC. Contact the Public Health Department to coordinate.

Immediately isolate patients with positive travel history and symptoms.

- Immediately place surgical mask on patient and remove from public areas.
- Isolate patient in an exam room.

Notify the Public Health Department

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
 - 888-397-3993 (Weekdays 8:00a-4:30p)
 - 213-974-1234 (After-hours)
- Long Beach Health Department
 - 562-570-4302 (Weekdays 8:00a-5:00p)
 - 562-500-5537 (After-hours)
- Orange County Health Care Agency
 - 714-834-8180 (Weekdays 8:00a-5:00p)
 - 714-628-7008 (After-hours)
- Public Health will advise on the next steps including specimen collection.

Do NOT discharge patient without prior approval from the Public Health Department.

REFERENCES

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