

# Important Information: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

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MemorialCare Healthcare Professionals:

As you are likely aware, 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 other countries. The first U.S. case was identified on 1/20/2020 and since that time other cases have emerged. Additional U.S. cases are anticipated. Because of the ongoing risk of new cases emerging in other parts of the United States, MemorialCare will be continuing the Epic screen utilizing specific questions to identify patients traveling from affected regions.

### Travel History Criteria:

- 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)**
- Cough (symptoms of lower respiratory illness)
- Fever >100.4 F
- Shortness of breath

### Isolation & testing recommendations:

- Inpatient/Emergency Department: Contact, Airborne and eye protection; N95, PAPR for aerosol-generating procedures
- Outpatient areas: Contact with N95 or PAPR for aerosol-generating procedures, if N95 not available- use surgical mask
- Current Coronavirus in the upper and lower respiratory panel does **NOT** identify the novel one. 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.
- If Airborne Infection Isolation Room ( AIIR) not available, place in negative airflow with addition of HEPA until room available.

### Immediately notify both Infection Prevention and Public Health Department.

- **LBMC/MCWH:**
  - Long Beach Public Health Department: (562) 570-4302 or after hours(562) 500-5537
  - Infection Prevention: (562) 933-0387
- **OCMC/SMC:**
  - Orange County Public Health Department: (714)-834-8180 (work hours) or (714) 627-7008 (after hours)
  - Infection Prevention: Orange Coast – (714) 378-7656/ Saddleback - (949) 452-7094
- Public Health will advise on the next steps including specimen collection.

***Do not discharge patient without prior approval from LB/OC Public Health Department.***

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