

Algorithm for Outpatient Clinic Team Assessment for COVID-19 Hot Zones (No Symptoms)

Clinical team notified of patient presenting to appointment with NO symptoms and either:

- **Travel history to COVID-19 Hot Zone** within 14 days (*Refer to the WAVE Hot Zones page*)
- OR
- **Contact** with a confirmed/probable case of COVID-19

Manage patient under **Droplet-Contact Precautions**

1. Direct patient to clean hands, wear a mask
2. If assistance is required, staff must wear PPE (mask, eye protection, gown and gloves) while directing patient to wait in the designated room

Clinical team to assess if appointment is an **Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP)**

Refer to Appendix below for list of AGMP

AGMP: a medical procedure that generates droplet/aerosols which may expose staff to respiratory pathogens

If **NO**, appointment is NOT an AGMP, consult **MRP** or **clinical team** if the appointment can be rescheduled until past the incubation period (14 days from last exposure).

If **YES**, appointment can be *rebooked:

1. Advise patient to go home
2. **Give Public Health handout**
3. Rebook appointment or advise patient that someone will contact them to rebook.

* rebook past 14 days from exposure

If **NO**, and deemed **medically necessary**, call IPAC through locating x33200 for Hot Zone, and manage patient with **Droplet + Contact** precautions for appointment.

If patient requires Admission, please follow the *Algorithm for Asymptomatic COVID-19 Travel/Exposure*

AGMP DECISION POINT:

If **YES**, consult **MRP** to see if appointment can be rescheduled until past the incubation period (14 days from last exposure). For guidance MRP can consult Medical Director, Infection Control (Dr. Ricciuto) or if not available, Infectious Diseases physician on call through locating at x33200.

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If **NO**, and deemed **medically necessary**, call IPAC through locating x33200 for Hot Zone, and manage patient with **Airborne + Droplet + Contact** precautions for procedure.

If patient requires Admission, please follow the *Algorithm for Asymptomatic COVID-19 Travel/Exposure*

Send email to icps@lh.ca with the **patient name** and **patient's unique number** for tracking

***Appendix A – List of Aerosol Generating Medical (AGMP) Procedures**

Please Note: this list may not be all encompassing of ALL AGMP procedures. An AGMP is a medical procedure that generates droplet/aerosols which may expose staff to respiratory pathogens

- Endotracheal intubation
- High frequency oscillatory ventilation
- Bronchoscopy
- Laryngoscopy
- Positive pressure ventilation (BiPAP & CPAP)
- Autopsy of lung tissue
- Sputum induction
- Airway suctioning
- Breaking closed ventilation system, intentionally (e.g., open suctioning), unintentionally (e.g., patient movement)
- Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Tracheostomy care
- Chest physiotherapy
- Administration of aerosolizing or nebulizing medications
- Abscess/wound irrigation (non-respiratory TB)

Prevent virus from spreading

Instructions for people who been asked to self-isolate

This fact sheet provides basic information only about preventing the spread of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). It does not take the place of medical advice, diagnosis or treatment.

This information is important if:

- You have been asked to self-isolate OR
- You live with someone who is self-isolating

Follow the advice of your health care provider and/or local public health unit. If you have questions, or you start to feel worse, contact your health care provider, Telehealth (1-877-797-0000) or your public health unit.

Stay at home

- Do not use public transportation or taxis.
- Do not go to work, school or other public places.
- Your health care provider and/or local public health unit will tell you when it is safe to



Wear mask

- If you must leave your house to see a health care provider or when you are within two metres of other people, wear a mask over your nose and mouth.



Wash your hands

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 15 seconds.
- Dry your hands with a paper towel, or with your own cloth towel that no one else shares.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.



Limit the number of visitors in your home

- Only have visitors who you must see and keep the visits short.



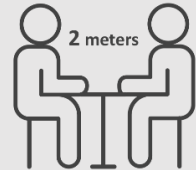
Cover your coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hand.
- Throw used tissues in a lined wastebasket, and wash your hands.
- When emptying the wastebasket, try not to touch used tissues.



Keep distance

- If you are in a room with other people, keep a distance of at least **two metres** and wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.
- If you cannot wear a mask, people should wear a mask when they are in the same room as you.



Avoid contact with others

- Stay in a separate room away from other people in your home as much as possible and use a separate bathroom if you have one.
- Make sure that shared rooms have good airflow.



Follow these instructions until you have been told by your health care provider and/or your public health unit that you can return to regular activities.

Learn about the virus

2019-nCoV is a new virus. It spreads by respiratory droplets of an infected person to others with whom they have close contact such as people who live in the same household or provide care.

It is important to follow these steps so that the virus is not spread to others.

For more information

You can find your local public health unit by calling Service Ontario at 1-866-532-3161 or visiting the Ministry of Health's public health unit locator tool at www.phdapps.health.gov.on.ca/PHUlocator

You can also access up to date information on 2019-nCoV on the Ontario Ministry of Health's website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>