Footnote - for further guidance

Does the patient have **EITHER:**

* severe acute respiratory infection requiring admission to hospital with clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome **OR**
* acute respiratory infection of any degree of severity, including at least one of shortness of breath (difficulty breathing in children) or cough (with or without fever) **OR**
* fever with no other symptoms

**Primary care**

* Isolate the patient (and their belongings or waste) in a side room with the door closed
* Do not physically examine the patient
* If consultation/examination had already started, leave the room and wash your hands
* Seek specialist advice from the Public Health Wales Health Protection Team (contact below)

**Secondary care**

* Place the patient in respiratory isolation, and appropriate PPE to be worn by any person entering the room (see IP&C link below)
* Seek specialist advice from a local microbiologist, virologist, or infectious diseases physician

**Patient phone call**

* Advise the patient to stay at home whilst further assessment is being arranged

Has the patient travelled from a [specified country or area](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas)\* in the 14 days before onset of illness?

Anyone who has had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days should be reported to the Health Protection Team immediately (contact below)

Have they had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 14 days before onset of illness?

Does the patient have risk factors for avian flu?

Refer to avian flu guidance ([link](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/avian-influenza-guidance-and-algorithms-for-managing-human-cases))

Consider alternative diagnoses

**Management of a suspected case of Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**YES**

**NO**

**YES**

**NO**

**NO**

**YES**

**YES**

**NO**

**\*** [**https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas)

* Notify the **Public Health Wales Health Protection Team (0300 00 300 32 in hours or out of hours via ambulance control)**

Consider self-isolation at home for patients who are clinically stable.

[Link to background information](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-background-information)

[Link to initial investigation of possible cases guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-initial-investigation-of-possible-cases)

[Link to infection prevention and control guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control)

[Link to primary care management guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wn-cov-guidance-for-primary-care)

[Link to clinical diagnostic laboratories guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-guidance-for-clinical-diagnostic-laboratories)