

Management of a suspected case of COVID-19

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 (difficult breathing in children) or cough (with or without fever) OR
- fever with no other symptoms

Primary care YES NO isolate the patient (and their belongings) or waste) in a side room with the door closed Has the patient Anyone who has travelled from a had contact with a do not physically examine the patient specified country or confirmed case of if consultation/examination had already area in the 14 days COVID-19 in the started, leave the room and wash your before onset of last 14 days hands illness? should be reported ask the patient to call NHS 111 from to the local Health their room, on their mobile (use GP Protection Team surgery landline if mobile unavailable) immediately* Secondary care YES NO place the patient in respiratory isolation, and PPE is worn by any person entering the room Have they had contact with a confirmed case of seek specialist advice from a local COVID-19 in the 14 days before onset of illness? microbiologist, virologist, or infectious diseases physician YES NO Patient phone call NHS 111 to advise the patient to stay at home whilst appropriate transport Does the patient have risk factors can be arranged for avian flu or MERS-CoV? YES NO Notify the local Consider self isolation PHE Health at home for patients Protection who are clinically stable Refer to avian flu guidance Consider Team only if if safe transport home (link) or MERS-CoV alternative positive* can be arranged guidance (link) diagnoses

Foot note - For further guidance:

*Link to local Health Protection Team lookup

Link to background information

Link to initial investigation of possible cases guidance

Link to infection prevention and control guidance Link to primary care management guidance Link to clinical diagnostic laboratories guidance