

Management of a suspected case of 2019 nCoV (Wuhan novel coronavirus)

Does the patient have:

EITHER

- acute respiratory infection of any degree of severity (including at least one of: shortness of breath, cough or sore throat) **OR**
- severe acute respiratory infection requiring admission to hospital with clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome

Primary care

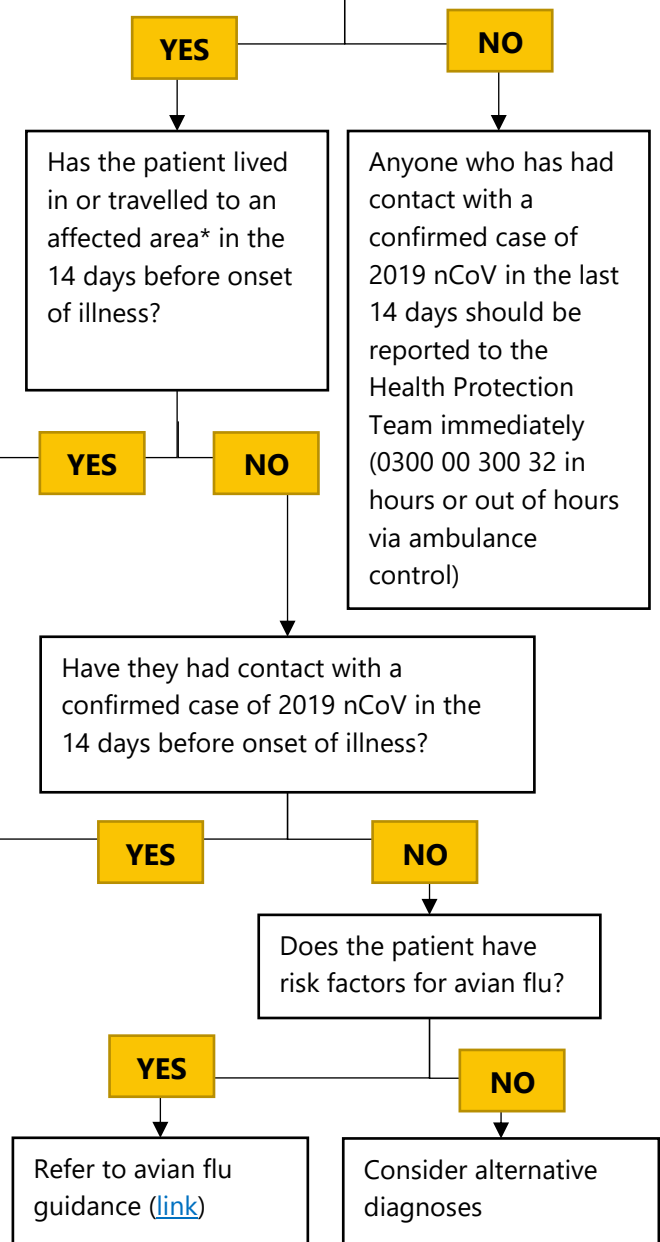
- Isolate the patient (and their belongings or waste) in a side room with the door closed
- Do not physically examine the patient
- If consultation/examination had already started, leave the room and wash your hands
- Seek specialist advice from the Health Protection Team (0300 00 300 32 in hours or out of hours via ambulance control)

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. Seek specialist advice from the Health Protection Team (0300 00 300 32 in hours or out of hours via ambulance control)



* As of 24/01/2020, affected area: Wuhan City (Hubei Province, China).

[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](#)