

(Update: March 2020)

SUBJECT

Triage of individuals for immediate identification and isolation of patients who present for care and who: may have travelled internationally to a high risk area, (China, Iran, Italy, Japan and South Korea) in the past 14 days, or has been in close contact with someone who has travelled internationally to a high risk area, in the past 14 days; and/or has been confirmed with Novel Coronavirus (**COVID-19**).

PROCEDURE

Reception staff will greet patients and visitors and inquire if the individual(s):

- have travelled to, or been in contact with someone who has travelled internationally (China, Iran, Italy, Japan or South Korea); or,
- who has had close contact with an individual who has laboratory confirmed **COVID-19** within 14 days of symptom onset (e.g., fever, cough, or shortness of breath).

NO

If answer is no, continue with routine registration or sign-in processes.

YES

If answer is yes:

- Immediately contact Designated Faculty Responder(s) who will receive patient.
- Designated Faculty Responder will escort patient to an operatory which has been barrier wrapped (as per standard protocol) for interview assessment:

Designated Faculty Responder:

- will don **standard** Personal Protective Equipment, (gloves, mask, protective eyewear, disposable gown) and,
- validate if the individual has travelled internationally to one of the high risk areas in the past 14 days; or has had direct contact with an individual who has travelled internationally to one of the high risk areas.

If patient response is NO, continue with routine registration and/or sign-in processes; results of the interview are to be documented in progress note.

If the response is YES:

- Review medical history and determine if the patient has symptoms compatible with **COVID-19** such as fever, symptoms of lower respiratory infection (cough and/or shortness of breath).

If no fever, advise patient to self-monitor, and immediately contact their medical provider if fever or symptoms develop. Document all findings in progress note. (If patient response or findings are negative, continue with routine registration and/or sign-in processes).

After assessment, the Faculty Responder must immediately notify one of the College's International Travel Lead Coordinators.

If patient findings indicate that the individual has travelled internationally to one of the high risk areas within 14 days; and/or has been in direct contact with someone who has Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), AND presents with fever; or with other compatible symptoms, the individual would now be considered a PATIENT UNDER INVESTIGATION or PUI, and the following steps are to be taken:

Immediately contact one of the International Travel Lead Coordinators, Dr. Robert Glickman; Ms. Yvelande Couamin FNP, or Mr. Glenn Marrus.

After consultation with International Travel Lead Coordinator, Faculty Responder will then contact the NYC DOH Department's Provider Access Line (1-866-692-3641).

Upon consult with Duty Officer, and if a determination is made that a request for the patient to be transferred to Bellevue Hospital Center or other designated hospital facility, the Designated Faculty Responder will then dial 911; and request EMS to transport patient to; **and** then immediately dial Public Safety (89828) to advise them that EMS has been summoned.