



Updated Screening Guidance for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) is notifying healthcare providers about the **updated screening guidelines** for the COVID-19 to include travel from affected geographic areas. At this time, the risk to the general public in Illinois remains low. Currently, no cases have been identified in Winnebago County. As a reminder, the Health Department is available 24/7 to support and assist Healthcare Providers at 815-720-4050.

Healthcare Providers Are Asked To Use The Updated Guidance Below:

1. Conduct a travel history for individuals presenting with fever and respiratory symptoms.
 - Use the chart below to identify patients with clinical symptoms that should be evaluated for 2019-nCoV

Clinical Symptoms	AND	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)	AND	In the last 14 days before symptom onset, any person, including health care workers, who has had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient
Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization ¹	AND	In the last 14 days before symptom onset, a history of travel from affected geographic areas (Currently China, South Korea, Iran, Italy, and Japan)
Fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)	AND	No source of exposure has been identified

¹For patients with lower respiratory symptoms, with or without fever (regardless of hospitalization status), **AND** confirmed travel to an affected geographic area (Level 2 or 3) within 14 days of symptom onset, testing for COVID-19 can be considered with authorization by the Winnebago County Health Department.

2. Promptly isolate all suspect Person Under Investigations (PUIs) as per guidance below.
 - Ask patients to wear a surgical mask as soon as they are identified
 - Evaluate patients in a private room with the door closed, ideally in a negative pressure room
 - Use standard contact, airborne and eye protection precautions (e.g., goggles or a face shield) when entering the room and/or collecting a specimen
3. Immediately contact your infection control team and the Winnebago County Health Department.
 - Notify the Winnebago County Health Department by calling **815-720-4050**.
 - **Complete the Patient Under Investigation (PUI) form** at:
 - http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/pui-form%20L_0.pdf
 - Fax the completed form to the Winnebago County Health Department at **815-962-5161**
4. Assist with specimen collection and diagnostic testing when approval is obtained by WCHD.

For more information, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>.

