



Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

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Novel (new) Coronavirus Information for Clinicians

Update on Novel Coronavirus, February 5, 2020

Recommendations and Updates

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>

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Novel Coronavirus 2019 (nCoV-2019)

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx#>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Travelers from China are being screened at eleven airports in the United States, including San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

As of today, there have been no cases of 2019-nCoV identified in Mendocino County and only 12 cases in the United States, with no deaths. All identified California cases are related to travel in Hubei Province, China or close contact with an individual with confirmed Coronavirus infection. Currently, the immediate health risk from the novel coronavirus to the general public in California is very low.

If you have a patient who has traveled to anywhere in mainland China within 14 days of symptom onset, and the patient does not require hospital admission, they may be discharged with instructions to isolate themselves at home. Provide the patient with the attached CDC home care guidance.

Public Health is urging people to call ahead to your healthcare facility before arriving at the facility if they have symptoms. If you have a patient with symptoms (fever, cough, or difficulty breathing) who traveled to Hubei Province or was in contact with a confirmed case of 2019-nCoV within 14 days of symptom onset, please notify the Mendocino County Public Health at 707.391.3593. Additionally, please contact us if you have a patient with symptoms who returned from mainland China within the last 14 days and requires hospitalization.

If you see or get a call from such a patient, please do the following:

1. Ask the patient to put on a face mask before arriving at your health care facility, if they have one, or mask the patient immediately when they arrive.
2. Staff with appropriate PPE should bring the patient immediately to a private room with the door closed, ideally a negative pressure airborne isolation room, or implement your facility's fever/rash protocol. Limit contact with others.
3. Any provider, staff member or visitor entering the room should wear an N-95 mask and practice airborne, contact, and standard precautions, and should use eye protection, such as goggles or a face shield.
4. Immediately notify your facility's infection prevention personnel and your local public health department. Call the Mendocino County Public Health and we will assist you with next steps.

How to notify the Mendocino County Public Health:

Please call 707.272.8035 or 707.391.3593.

For urgent matters or to speak directly with the Mendocino County Health Officer, contact REDCOM at 707-528-4191, ask to speak with the dispatch supervisor and request that the Mendocino County Health Officer be notified.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and we will send updates as new information comes in. Please help Mendocino County Public Health with distribution of this information and ensure that this information be distributed to all clinicians within your organization. For further details, including interim infection prevention recommendations, as well as the most updated information, visit the CDC novel coronavirus webpage:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov

KEY Resources:

Flowchart to Identify and Assess 2019 Novel Coronavirus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/identify-assess-flowchart.html>

Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/guidance-home-care.pdf>