Asymptomatic travelers do not need to be tested but should self-isolate as directed below:

- people arriving in Australia as of 29 January who have travelled to Hubei Province, China must isolate themselves at home for 14 days after departing from Hubei Province
- people arriving in Australia as of 1 February who have travelled to or transited through mainland China on or after 1 February, must isolate themselves at home for 14 days after departing China
- medical clearance certificates are not required

Patients meeting the following criteria should be assessed for 2019-nCoV:

- acute respiratory infection (with at least one of the following symptoms: shortness of breath, cough or sore throat) regardless of fever, AND
- travel in, or transit through, mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan) in the 14 days before symptom onset, OR close contact with a confirmed case of 2019-nCoV

Isolate and apply infection control precautions for any patients with suspected 2019-nCoV

- place a surgical mask on the patient and isolate suspect cases in a single room with the door closed or a negative pressure room if available
- use standard, contact and droplet precautions: a disposable fluid resistant gown, gloves, surgical mask, and eye protection while reviewing the patient
- immediately notify a WA Health Public Health Physician to discuss testing
- if patients require emergency attention, phone ahead to the Emergency Department to advise

Arrange testing for 2019-nCoV and other respiratory pathogens

- for specimen collection use airborne precautions - a P2 or N95 mask, and obtain the following:
  - a nasopharyngeal swab OR nose and throat swabs (swab the nose and swab the throat separately) using dry swabs for PCR testing
  - in a hospital setting consider obtaining a lower tract sample – sputum or an endotracheal tube aspirate for PCR testing
  - collect serum "to store" for use when serology testing becomes available
- samples can be sent to any pathology laboratory with an urgent request for ‘respiratory virus panel and novel coronavirus’ and specify the travel history and public health advice
- specimen collection is available at PathWest collection centres (except Fiona Stanley Hospital)

Call your local public health unit and speak to the Public Health Physician

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