Update on novel coronavirus
INFORMATION FOR WA CLINICIANS

27 January 2020

Suspect Case Definition:
- symptoms of fever (or history of fever) AND respiratory symptoms, AND
- travel to the province of Hubei, China OR contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus, within 14 days of symptom onset.

If you have a patient who meets these criteria:
- Place a surgical mask on and isolate any patients meeting these criteria in a negative pressure room or single room as soon as they are identified.
- Urgently notify a WA Health Public Health Physician of any patients meeting these criteria by contacting your local PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT.
- Only after discussion with a Department of Health Public Health Physician, obtain a respiratory and blood sample and send urgently to PathWest.

NOTIFY URGENTLY: Call your local public health unit and speak to the Public Health Physician.

Dr Clare Huppatz
A/DIRECTOR
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL DIRECTORATE

---

Areas at risk outside of Hubei Province is determined by the Australian Government Dept of Health, can be found on their website.

---

**KEY POINTS**

- Ongoing transmission of the novel coronavirus 2019-nCoV has now been confirmed for the province of Hubei.
- Remain alert for patients presenting with fever and respiratory symptoms who have travelled to any part of the province of Hubei, including Wuhan, within two weeks of onset of illness.
- Place a surgical mask on and isolate any patients meeting these criteria in a negative pressure room or single room as soon as they are identified.
- Urgently notify a WA Health Public Health Physician of any patients meeting these criteria by contacting your local PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT.
- Only after discussion with a Department of Health Public Health Physician, obtain a respiratory and blood sample and send urgently to PathWest.