CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Guidance for State, Local, and Territorial Partners and Local Health Departments

Interim guidance documents relevant to State, Local, and Territorial partners regarding COVID-19

Highlighted Text= New since February 21, 2020

Aircraft

[Interim Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](#)
- Interim guidance for the commercial airline industry about COVID-19

[Preventing Spread of Disease on Commercial Aircraft: Guidance for Cabin Crew](#)
- This guidance provides cabin crew with practical methods to protect themselves, passengers, and other crew members when someone onboard is sick with a possible contagious disease.

[Safety Alert for Operators 20001: 2019 Novel Coronavirus: Interim Health Guidance for Air Carrier and Crews](#)
- Interim guidance from the CDC and Federal Aviation Administration for Air Carriers and Crewmembers

Businesses, Employers, and Schools

[Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](#)
- This interim guidance is intended to help administrators of public and private childcare programs and K-12 schools prevent the spread of COVID-19 among students and staff.

[Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), February 2020](#)
- Interim guidance that may help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illness, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings.

Community Infection Control

[Interim Guidance for Preventing the Spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Homes and Residential Communities](#)
- Interim guidance to help prevent COVID-19 from spreading among people in their homes and in other residential communities.

[Interim Guidance for Discontinuation of In-Home Isolation for Patients with COVID-19](#)
- Interim guidance to help healthcare providers and public health officials managing patients with coronavirus disease (COVID-19) under in-home isolation to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Community Mitigation

CDC in Action: Preparing Communities for Potential Spread of COVID-19
- Information on how CDC is aggressively responding to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and preparing for the potential of community spread in the United States.

Healthcare Facilities

Interim Guidance for Healthcare Facilities: Preparing for Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States
- Outlines goals and strategies for all U.S. healthcare facilities to prepare for and respond to community spread of coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19).

Strategies to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF)
- General strategies CDC recommends to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in LTCF

Steps Healthcare Facilities Can Take Now to Prepare for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Healthcare Professionals and Infection Control

Evaluating and Reporting Persons Under Investigation (PUI)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) clinical criteria for a COVID-19 person under investigation (PUI). Subject to change as additional information becomes available.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Risk Assessment and Public Health Management Decision Making
- Flowchart for the evaluation of patients who may be ill with or who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) or Persons Under Investigation for SARS-CoV-2 in Healthcare Settings
- Interim infection control procedures including administrative rules and engineering controls, environmental hygiene, correct work practices, and appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) are all necessary to prevent infections from spreading during healthcare delivery. **This guidance is not intended for non-healthcare settings (e.g., schools) OR to persons outside of healthcare settings.**

Interim Guidance of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PASPs) for COVID-19 in the United States
- Interim guidance for all first responders, including law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, and emergency management officials, who anticipate close contact with persons with confirmed or possible COVID-19 in the course of their work

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[Interim Guidance for Collection and Submission of Postmortem Specimens from Deceased Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19, February 2020](#)
- Interim guidance for the collection and submission of postmortem specimens from deceased persons under investigation (PUI) for COVID-19. This document also provides recommendations for biosafety and infection control practices during specimen collection and handling, including during autopsy procedures. The guidance can be utilized by medical examiners, coroners, pathologists, other workers involved in the postmortem care of deceased PUI, and local and state health departments.

[Interim Guidance for Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19](#)

- Interim guidance for healthcare providers and public health officials managing patients with coronavirus disease (COVID-19) to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in healthcare facilities.

[Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19](#)
- Interim guidance for clinicians caring for patients with confirmed COVID-19

[Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)](#)
- Interim guidance for staff at local and state health departments, infection prevention and control professionals, and healthcare personnel who are coordinating the home care and isolation[1] of people with confirmed or suspected 2019-nCoV infection, including persons under investigation (see [Criteria to Guide Evaluation of Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for 2019- nCoV](#)).

[Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure in a Healthcare Setting to Patients with 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)](#)
- Interim guidance intended to assist with assessment of risk, monitoring, and work restriction decisions for HCP with potential exposure to 2019-nCoV. For guidance on assessment and management of exposure risk in non-healthcare settings, refer to [the Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Exposure in Travel-associated or Community Settings](#).

Maritime

[Interim Guidance for Ships on Managing Suspected Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- Interim guidance for ships originating from, or stopping in, the United States to help prevent, detect, and medically manage suspected 2019-nCoV infections.

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Laboratories

Research Use Only Real-Time RT-PCR Protocol for Identification of 2019-nCoV
- This document describes the use of real-time RT PCR (rRT-PCR) assays for the in vitro qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 in respiratory specimens and sera.

Research Use Only 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-time RT-PCR Primer and Probe Information

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Checklist for Healthcare Facilities: Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators during the COVID-19 Response

Healthcare Supply of Personal Protective Equipment
- CDC specific PPE recommendations based on the current COVID-19 situation and availability of PPE.

Optimizing N95 Strategies
- Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators

- Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators: Contingency Capacity Strategies
  - In the continuum of care, the following measures can be categorized as contingency capacity, which may change daily practices but may not have any significant impact on the care delivered to the patient or the safety of the HCP.

- Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators: Crisis/Alternate Strategies
  - These crisis capacity or alternate strategies accompany and build on the conventional and contingency capacity strategies. The following measures are not commensurate with current U.S. standards of care.

Release of Stockpiled N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators Beyond the Manufacturer-Designated Shelf Life: Considerations for the COVID-19 Response
- U.S. Government decision makers are considering whether these products should be released for use during the COVID-19 response. Information is provided below that may be used to inform these product release decisions.

Public Health Officials

Information for Health Departments on Reporting a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV
- Information for health departments on reporting and specimen referral for Persons Under Investigation (PUIs).
  - Case Report Form for 2019 Novel Coronavirus

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- Guidance is intended to address recommended infection prevention and control practices when public health interviews or assessments are performed at a home or non-home residential settings.

[Pandemic Preparedness Resources](#)

- While the content at the links provided below was developed to prepare for, or respond to, an influenza ("flu") pandemic, the newly emerged coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that seems to be spreading much like flu. Guidance developed for influenza pandemic preparedness would be appropriate in the event the current COVID-19 outbreak triggers a pandemic.

Pregnant Women and Children

[Interim Guidance on Breastfeeding for a Mother Confirmed or Under Investigation for COVID-19](#)

- Interim guidance for women who are confirmed to have COVID-19 or are [persons-under- investigation (PUI)](#) for COVID-19 and are currently breastfeeding.

[Interim Considerations for Infection Prevention and Control of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings](#)

- Interim for healthcare facilities providing obstetric care for pregnant patients with confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or pregnant [persons under investigation (PUI)](#) in inpatient obstetric healthcare settings including obstetrical triage, labor and delivery, recovery and inpatient postpartum settings.

Travelers

[Information for Travelers](#)

- This page includes information about 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for travelers going to and returning from China, and information for aircrew and resources ship industry.

[Travelers to China](#)

- Travel recommendations for travel to China

[Travelers from China arriving in the U.S.](#)

- Information for travelers from China arriving to the U.S.

Risk Assessment

[Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Exposure in Travel-associated or Community Settings](#)

- Interim guidance to provide U.S. public health authorities and other partners with a framework for assessing and managing risk of potential exposures to COVID-19 and implementing public health actions based on a person's risk level and clinical presentation.

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[Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure in a Healthcare Setting to Patients with 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)](#)
- Interim guidance is intended to assist with assessment of risk, monitoring, and work restriction decisions for healthcare providers with potential exposure to COVID-19.

Stigma

[Stigma Related to COVID-19](#)
- Information to combat stigma and discrimination associated with COVID-19.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

[Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about COVID-19](#)
- General FAQs

[Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19](#)
- **Who is this for:** Healthcare personnel who may care for patients who are confirmed with or under investigation for COVID-19.
- **What is it for:** This creates FAQs to support the existing [Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for COVID-19](#).
- **How is it used:** To assist healthcare facilities in preventing transmission of COVID-19 in healthcare settings.

[Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) and Children](#)
- This is a list of frequently asked questions and answers for questions about COVID-19 relating to children.

[Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Pregnancy](#)
- This is a list of frequently asked questions and answers for pregnant women, infants, and women who are breastfeeding.

[Frequently Asked Questions about Respirators and their Use](#)

[Healthcare Professionals: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)
- FAQs for healthcare professionals

[Information for Laboratories COVID-19 Requests for Diagnostic Panels and Virus](#)
- FAQs for lab professionals

[Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)
- General travel-related FAQs

Additional Resources

2020 Health Alert (HAN) Messages: CDC's Health Alert Network (HAN) is CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, tribal, and local public health practitioner; clinicians; and public health laboratories.

CDC Newsroom: CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19: CDC provides an update periodically to media on the COVID-19 response. Sign up for media announcements.

Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Calls/Webinars: During COCA Calls/Webinars, subject matter experts present key emergency preparedness and response topics, followed by meaningful Q&A with participants. The call or webinar will offer the most up to date information on guidance for clinicians.

Travel Health Notices: Travel Health Notices inform travelers and clinicians about current health issues that impact travelers' health, like disease outbreaks, special events or gatherings, and natural disasters, in specific international destinations.

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