

## Triage of patients with suspected COVID-19 infection (no or limited community transmission)

### Identify signs and symptoms of respiratory infection:

- Fever (>38°C)\*
- And-
- At least 1 sign or symptom of respiratory disease (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)

Yes

Place medical mask on patient

No

Continue with usual triage, assessment and care

### Identify Travel and Direct Exposure History:

- Has the patient traveled or resided in another country where COVID-19 is spreading during the 14 days prior to symptom onset?
- or -
- Has the patient had contact with an individual with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 during the 14 days prior to symptom onset?

No

Continue with usual triage, assessment and care

Yes

### Separate from the rest of the patients:

- Place the patient in a single-person room with the door closed or in other designated area
- Ensure healthcare personnel (HCP) caring for the patient adhere to Standard, Contact, and Droplet Precautions
- Only essential HCP with designated roles should enter the room and wear appropriate personal protective equipment

### Inform

- Notify the hospital infection control program and other appropriate staff

\*Elderly people may not develop fever, but new-onset of cough or worsening respiratory symptoms