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

**Identify** signs and symptoms of respiratory infection:
- Fever (>38°C)* or history of fever
  - 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 confirmed COVID-19 during the 14 days prior to symptom onset?

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

No: Continue with usual triage, assessment and care

---

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

**A contact** is a person who is involved in any of the following within 14 days after the onset of symptoms in the patient:
- Providing direct care for patients with COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment;
- Staying in the same close environment as a COVID-19 patient (including sharing a workplace, classroom or household or being at the same gathering);
- Travelling in close proximity with (that is, having less than 1 m separation from) a COVID-19 patient in any kind of conveyance.
**Triage of patients with suspected COVID-19 infection** (widespread community transmission)

**Identify** signs and symptoms of respiratory infection:
- Fever (>38°C)* or history of fever
- And-
- At least 1 sign or symptom of respiratory disease (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)

---

**Yes**

Place medical mask on patient

---

**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

---

**No**

Continue with usual triage, assessment and care

---

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