Countries with no or limited community transmission (cases in the community are linked to known chain of transmission)

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

- **Identify** common signs and symptoms of COVID-19:
  - Acute onset of fever (>38°C or history of fever) and cough*
  - OR
  - At least 3 signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., cough, myalgia, headache, sore throat, loss of smell or taste)

  - **Yes**
  - **Place medical mask on patient**

- **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?

  - **Yes**

- **Separate from other patients:**
  - Place the patient in a single-person well-ventilated room with the door closed or in other designated area
  - Ensure healthcare workers (HCW) caring for the patient adhere to Standard, Contact, and Droplet Precautions
  - Only essential HCW 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 or immunosuppressed people may not develop fever, but atypical symptoms (e.g., reduced mobility, confusion) or new-onset of cough or worsening respiratory symptoms. In countries where fever-inducing pathogens (e.g., malaria, dengue) are not endemic, fever alone can be used as a sole criterion for COVID-19.
Countries with widespread community transmission (inability to relate confirmed cases through chains of transmission for large number of COVID-19 cases)

**Triage of patients with suspected COVID-19**
*(widespread community transmission)*

**Identify** common signs and symptoms of COVID-19:
- Acute onset of fever (>38°C or history of fever)* and cough
- OR-
- At least 3 signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., cough, myalgia, headache, sore throat, loss of smell or taste)

**Yes**

- Place medical mask on patient

**Yes**

**Separate from other patients:**
- Place the patient in a single-person well-ventilated room with the door closed or in another designated area
- Ensure healthcare workers (HCW) caring for the patient adhere to Standard, Contact, and Droplet Precautions
- Only essential HCW 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

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