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

**No**
- Continue with usual triage, assessment and care

**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