Dear Healthcare Provider:

The Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) is providing the following updates regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019:

- The period when a person may present with symptoms after possible exposure to the COVID-19 infected visitor from Japan has passed.
- Please be aware, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to update Travel Advisories to include countries with ongoing community transmission.¹
- To assist providers in determining risk categories for COVID-19 (High, Medium, Low, No Identifiable Risk), HDOH has developed a Health Risk Assessment and Management Guide—see attached Appendix.
- Current criteria for persons under investigation (PUI) for COVID-19² include:
  - Clinical features of febrile lower respiratory illness
    - Fever AND
    - Cough or shortness of breath
  - AND either 1) travel to China or 2) close contact with a confirmed case
  - Absence of an alternative diagnosis that explains the clinical presentation
  - On a case-by-case basis, HDOH may consider testing of persons who meet the clinical criteria, require admission, and traveled to an area recognized by CDC as having ongoing community transmission
- Submission of specimens for testing to the State Laboratories Division (SLD) MUST have prior authorization by HDOH’s Disease Outbreak Control Division.
- Please ensure your/your facility’s policies and procedures are in place to minimize exposure to respiratory pathogens, including COVID-19 virus.
  - Place a facemask on patient with suspected COVID-19, and put patient in a separate examination room with door closed. Place the patient in an airborne isolation room, if available. (SOURCE CONTROL)
  - When caring for a patient with suspected COVID-19, adhere to standard, contact, and airborne precautions, including use of eye protection. (COVER MUCOUS MEMBRANES)
  - Healthcare providers with unprotected exposure to persons with COVID-19³ will be subject to active monitoring and work restrictions for 14 days after the last exposure.

¹[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html]
²[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html]

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This is a rapidly evolving situation. To ensure you are accessing the latest information, please visit HDOH’s clinicians’ page at: https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/for-healthcare-providers/news-updates/ or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 website at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

Providers should notify infection control personnel and HDOH’s Disease Outbreak Control Division immediately if any patients have severe respiratory symptoms and are suspected to have COVID-19.

If you have any questions or need to report a PUI, please contact HDOH at one of the numbers below.

- Oahu (Disease Reporting Line).......................... (808) 586-4586
- Maui District Health Office.................................. (808) 984-8213
- Kauai District Health Office........................... (808) 241-3563
- Big Island District Health Office (Hilo)............... (808) 933-0912
- Big Island District Health Office (Kona)............... (808) 322-4877
- After hours on Oahu....................................... (808) 600-3625
- After hours on neighbor islands..........................(800) 360-2575 (toll free)

We appreciate your continued assistance in protecting our community.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) Risk Assessment and Management Guide

1) IF COVID-19 symptoms are present: □ Fever > 100.3°F AND □ Lower respiratory illness (cough or shortness of breath) that cannot be explained by another diagnosis

2) THEN assess exposure risk:

Case is defined as a symptomatic person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 (or clinically diagnosed if laboratory testing not available)
Intimate contact is defined as living with, being an intimate partner of, or caring for a person w/ confirmed COVID-19 outside of a healthcare facility
Close contact is defined as being within 6ft for a prolonged period or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a case (e.g., being coughed on)
Precautions are defined as continuous use of PPE

Exposure Risk Categories

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<td>□ Intimate contact with a case without precautions</td>
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<td>2. Isolate the patient in a private room or separate area</td>
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<td>3. Wear appropriate PPE for all patient interactions</td>
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<td>4. Evaluate patient according to PUI definition</td>
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<td>5. Alert HDOH at (808) 586-4586</td>
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<td>6. Pre-notify all healthcare services</td>
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<td>□ Any travel from China* (past 14 days)</td>
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<td>□ Intimate contact with a case while using precautions</td>
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<td>1. Rule out other respiratory illness</td>
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<td>□ Brief interactions with cases that are not intimate or close</td>
<td>Provide routine medical care</td>
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