

2019 Novel Coronavirus

Infection Risk Screening at NDSM

ALL PATIENTS presenting with FEVER, COUGH, AND/OR OTHER RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS should be provided a surgical mask upon arrival, and asked to MAINTAIN THE MASK THROUGHOUT THEIR VISIT.

****THIS IS CLINIC POLICY REGARDLESS OF CONCERN FOR CORONAVIRUS****

In addition to this standard policy, please complete the following infection risk screening for Coronavirus for all patients at time of check in by asking:

1. Have you traveled outside the state of Texas in the last 21 days?
 - a. If yes, which country or state?
 - b. Staff: Please see attached list of countries and states with concern for Coronavirus. Be aware this list can change and will be updated daily at noon.
2. Have you had a fever in the last 21 days?
3. Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or malaise (feeling poorly)?
4. Have you come into contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with 2019 Novel Coronavirus even outside of China?

Front office response to patient's answers to infection risk screening:

NO additional precautions needed:

- If the patient answers NO to ALL questions
- If the patient answers YES to travel and NO to exposure to 2019 Novel Coronavirus **has NO symptoms**

If the patient answers YES to travel but NOT an area of concern and NO to exposure to 2019 Novel Coronavirus but **has symptoms**:

- Give mask to patient and have them wait in waiting room
- Use purple top PDI wipes to wipe down all surfaces the patient has contacted
 - Wear gloves while using wipes

If the patient answers YES to traveling to an area of concern, YES or NO to exposure to 2019 Novel Coronavirus and **has any symptoms**:

- Front desk issues mask to patient and family with patient
- Front desk calls nurse to **immediately** room and isolate patient
- Wipe down all surfaces patient has contacted with PDI purple top wipes
 - Wear gloves while using wipes

If the patient answers **YES to exposure to 2019 Novel Coronavirus**, regardless of symptoms or travel history:

- Front desk issues mask to patient and family with patient
- Front desk calls nurse to **immediately** room and isolate patient
- Wipe down all surfaces patient has contacted with PDI purple top wipes
 - Wear gloves while using wipes

The list of **areas of concern** for travel will be checked daily at noon by the UTSW LVN and the list will be updated accordingly. Countries of concern for recent travel are countries with "widespread sustained community transmission". It is not about which countries have had confirmed cases.

See sources below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Clinical staff response:

If notified by Check-in staff about a positive infection risk screening, Clinical Staff will:

1. Immediately put on mask and escort masked patient/ family to designated exam room.
 - a. Put red door flag out to indicate isolation and that PPE is required for entry
2. Prior to entering room to evaluate and confirm Infection Risk Screening (IRS),
 - a. Notify provider that patient has positive IRS
 - b. Care team member should perform hand hygiene, put on gloves, gown, N95 mask*, face shield/goggles, and evaluate patient to confirm travel history and secondary screening questions on CDC PUI form
 - c. Notify Dallas County Health Department for next steps
 - i. Call 24/7 physician line at **1-877-605-2660**
3. Upon screening, if patient is deemed clinically **stable**:
 - a. Complete CDC PUI form
 - b. Follow all instructions from Dallas County Health Department regarding submission of CDC PUI form
4. Upon screening, if patient is deemed clinically **unstable**:
 - a. Arrange for transport to nearest emergency department (ED)
 - b. Complete CDC PUI form
 - c. Call report to receiving ED
 - d. Send copy of CDC PUI form with transport team
 - e. Follow all instructions from Dallas County Health Department regarding submission of CDC PUI form
5. Keep logs of everyone who has contact with patient
6. On completion of assessment, doff PPE in a manner to prevent self-contamination, and properly dispose of PPE; See 2b above if a need to conserve N95 respirators arises
7. Perform hand hygiene
8. Room should be cleaned with PDI “purple top” wipes or other available bleach wipes

*Although corona viruses are known to be spread through respiratory droplets, the current recommendations are for airborne precautions (fit tested N95 respirators) to be used for patients with suspected infection. In the event of local spread of the virus it is to be expected that the availability of N95 respirators will become constrained. If this occurs, then additional detailed guidance will be provided on the acceptable process for N95 respirator reuse. In this case N95 respirators would be allocated for higher risk situations (e.g. interactions with unmasked patients while taking nasal swabs) while using surgical masks for low risk interactions.

Important Contact Information

1. Dallas County Health Department 24/7
Physician Line: 1-877-605-2660

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