

# Flowchart to Identify and Assess 2019 Novel Coronavirus

For the evaluation of people who may be ill with or who may have been exposed to 2019 Novel Coronavirus

The following relies on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control to identify Suspected Cases

## Identification of suspected COVID-19 cases

**A**

- A person with acute respiratory illness (fever and muscle aches or one respiratory symptom (e.g., shortness of breath, sore throat, new or changed cough (not otherwise associated with a known chronic condition like smoking or allergies), chills, headache, new loss of taste or smell)), AND
- with no other reason that fully explains the clinical presentation, AND
- a history of travel to or residence in a country/area or territory reporting local transmission) of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset.

OR

**B**

- A person with any acute respiratory illness, AND
- having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case (see definition of contact) in the last 14 days prior to onset of symptoms.

OR

**C**

- A person with severe acute respiratory infection (fever and muscle aches or one respiratory symptom (e.g., shortness of breath, sore throat, new or changed cough (not otherwise associated with a known chronic condition like smoking or allergies), chills, headache, new loss of taste or smell)), AND
- requiring hospitalization, AND
- with no other reason that fully explains the clinical presentation.

↓ If A, B or C, Isolate and Test for COVID-19

## Isolate

- Place facemask on patient
- Isolate the patient in a private room or a separate area
- Wear personal protective equipment (gloves, gown, face mask, eye protection if available)

### Probable Case

A suspect case for whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive.

- Inconclusive being the result of the test reported by the laboratory

### Confirmed Case

A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

An employee who is a suspect, probable or confirmed case is required to:

- Remain at home in self-quarantine
- Report their illness and potential exposure to COVID-19 to their immediate supervisor

↓ If Probable or Confirmed Case, then

## Report

Report through Quick Base Tracking Tool  
<https://rci.quickbase.com>