Management of a suspected case of Wuhan novel coronavirus (WN-CoV)

Does the patient have:

**EITHER**

- acute respiratory infection of any degree of severity (including at least one of: shortness of breath, cough or sore throat) **OR**
- severe acute respiratory infection requiring admission to hospital with clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome

### Primary care

- isolate the patient (and their belongings or waste) in a side room with the door closed
- do not physically examine the patient
- if consultation/examination had already started, leave the room and wash your hands
- seek specialist advice from a local microbiologist, virologist, or infectious diseases physician

### Secondary care

- place the patient in respiratory isolation, and PPE is worn by any person entering the room
- seek specialist advice from a local microbiologist, virologist, or infectious diseases physician

### Patient phone call

- advise the patient to stay at home whilst appropriate transport can be arranged

Notify the local PHE Health Protection Team by phone

---

**Foot note - For further guidance:**

- Link to background information
- Link to initial investigation of possible cases guidance
- Link to infection prevention and control guidance
- Link to primary care management guidance
- Link to clinical diagnostic laboratories guidance