

NALHN TRAVEL ALERT for Primary Healthcare

COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

Ask the patient each question

Have you:

1. International travel in the 14 days before onset of illness
2. Been advised that you should be in home isolation for coronavirus
3. Been advised you are a close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus

NO

Manage patient as per usual processes.

YES

**Ask patient to put on a surgical mask, isolate in single room
AND
Immediately advise clinical staff**

Clinical staff to wear surgical mask, protective eyewear / face shield, long sleeve gown and gloves when assessing patient.

Clinical staff to identify signs/symptoms of COVID-19:

Fever / history of fever **OR** Acute respiratory infection (e.g. shortness of breath, cough or sore throat) with or without fever

NO SYMPTOMS

For patients who have travelled to **China, Iran and South Korea** or who are **contacts of a confirmed case**:

- Clinician to assess if appointment can be delayed until after 14 day quarantine period
- If unable to reschedule appointment, staff to wear surgical mask, protective eyewear / face shield, long sleeve gown and gloves

Patients who have travelled to **other countries** and who do not have clinical signs or symptoms should self-monitor and isolate if become unwell. Appointment can occur as booked.

MILD SYMPTOMS

Refer patient to **NALHN COVID-19 clinic** based at Muna Paiendi, Cnr of Mark and Oldham Rd, Elizabeth Vale. Ph: 8182 9206

Patient to continue to wear a surgical mask

Ask them to arrange private transport to clinic. (If private transport is not available then transport as advised by [Commonwealth Department of Health](#))

SEVERE SYMPTOMS (suggestive of pneumonia)

Transfer to ED:

- Call Triple 000 for SA Ambulance to transport patient if required
- Contact Emergency Department LMH (8182 9786) or MH (8161 2171) and advise patient will be coming in

Patient to continue to wear a surgical mask

If there is a delay: isolate patient in a single room with door shut. If not available, seat patient at least two metres away from others

Staff remaining with patient to wear fit tested N95 mask, protective eyewear, long sleeved gown and gloves

Additional information

- [Australian Government Department of Health](#) and [CDNA National guideline for Public Health Units](#)
- [Australian Government Novel coronavirus resources including suspected case and close contacts information](#)
- [SA Health Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) infection information for health professionals](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)

Note regarding waste management: Dispose of all used single use items in a clinical waste bin.