

Coronavirus Update

MVP Health Care® (MVP) encourages front-line health care providers to be prepared and aware about the ongoing outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) by reviewing the CDC *Healthcare Personnel Prepared Checklist for 2019-nCoV* from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Information can be found by visiting **cdc.gov** and selecting *2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)*.

- Stay up to date on the latest information about signs and symptoms, diagnostic testing, and case definitions for the 2019-nCoV disease. Please review the **Flowchart to Identify and Assess 2019 Novel Coronavirus** which can be found by visiting **cdc.gov**.
- Review your infection prevention and control policies and CDC infection control recommendations for 2019-nCoV for:
 - Assessment and triage of patients with acute respiratory symptoms.
 - Patient placement.
 - Implementation of Standard, Contact, and Airborne Precautions, including the use of eye protection.
 - Visitor management and exclusion.
 - Source control measures for patients (e.g., put facemask on suspect patients).
 - Requirements for performing aerosol generating procedures.
- Be alert for patients who meet the persons under investigation (PUI) definition.
- Know how to report a potential 2019-nCoV case or exposure to facility infection control leads and public health officials.
- Know who, when, and how to seek evaluation by occupational health following an unprotected exposure (i.e., not wearing recommended PPE) to a suspected or confirmed nCoV patient.
- Remain at home, and notify occupational health services, if you are ill.
- Know how to contact and receive information from your state or local public health agency.

Additional Information Available

Providers should regularly review guidance from state and city health departments for local and regional updates on the 2019-nCoV outbreak. Below are some helpful links:

- *New York State Department of Health*: <https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus>
- *Vermont Department of Health*: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus>
- *CDC*: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- *NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene*:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/coronavirus.page>