

Management of a suspected case of 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease

Does the patient have :

EITHER

- acute respiratory infection of any degree of severity (including at least one of: fever, shortness of breath or cough) **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

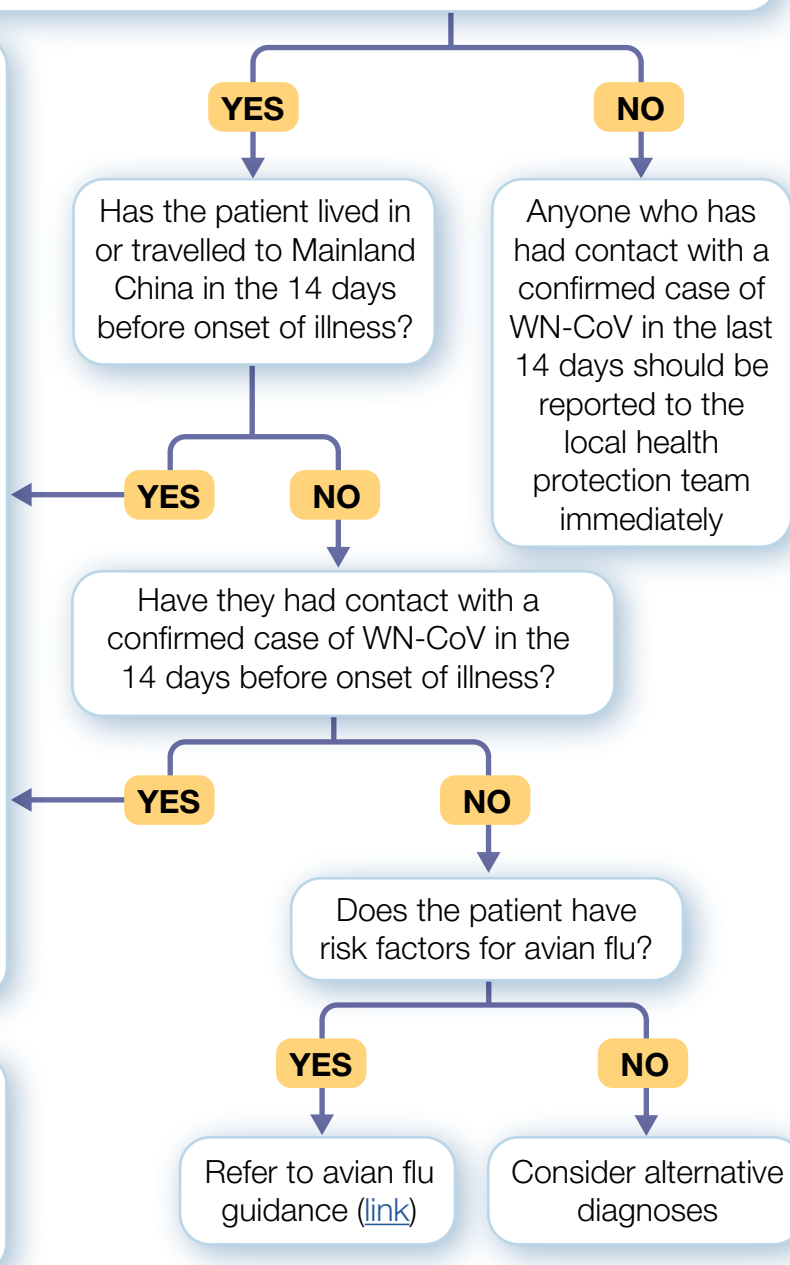
- place the patient in respiratory isolation, and PPE is worn by any person entering the room
- seek specialist advice from a local microbiologist, virologist, or infectious diseases physician

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

Consider self isolation at home for patients who are clinically stable if safe transport home can be arranged



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](#)