To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)


Background

The CDC is closely monitoring the outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and continues to spread. On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization named the disease Coronavirus Disease 2019 (abbreviated “COVID-19”).

For any patient meeting criteria for evaluation for COVID-19, clinicians are encouraged to immediately contact your local health department or state health department at 1-800-256-2748 (after hours at 1-800-256-2748) to report a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19. For patients who are severely ill with coronavirus-like symptoms, evaluation for COVID-19 may be considered even if a known source of exposure has not been identified.

Evaluation of Patients

You can access a printable resource for health care professionals for the evaluation of patients at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/identify-assess-flowchart.html who may be ill with or who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Number of Cases in your State


*Please note this is updated regularly on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Other Resources & Alerts that can be found on the CDC website:

- Health Alert Network (HAN): Update and Interim Guidance on Outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)  [https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00427.asp](https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00427.asp)

**External Resources from the CDC:**

- World Health Organization (WHO) Coronavirus:  [https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus](https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus)

**Questions:**
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