Management of suspected cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) acute respiratory disease (primary care) pc2.0.6A 25/02/2020
www.gov.uk/government/publications/wn-cov-guidance-for-primary-care/wn-cov-interim-guidance-for-primary-care

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Follow this flow chart in the event that a patient contacts primary care in person or by telephone with suspected COVID-19 (coronavirus)

Does the patient have :
- severe acute respiratory infection requiring admission to hospital with clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome;

or
- acute respiratory infection of any degree of severity, including at least one of shortness of breath (difficult breathing in children) or cough (with or without fever);

or
- fever with no other symptoms?

Clinicians should be alert to the possibility of atypical presentations in patients who are immunocompromised.

No → Has the patient been to:

Hubei Province (including Wuhan) in the last 14 days; or

Iran, specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy, or special care zones of South Korea since February 19th 2020

Yes →
- Advise to self-isolate
- Advise to contact helpline for information on self-isolation **0300 200 7885**

No → Consider alternative diagnosis

Yes → Has the patient been to:

China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macau in the last 14 days; or

Northern Italy (not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),Vietnam, Cambodia, Iran, Laos, Myanmar since February 19th 2020

No → Have they had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in the 14 days before onset of illness?

Yes → Case definition is met

No → Does the patient have risk factors for avian flu?

Yes → Refer to avian flu guidance www.gov.uk/government/publications/avian-influenza-guidance-and-algorithms-for-managing-human-cases

No → Consider alternative diagnosis

Yes → Case definition is met

Actions
- 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
- Contact Trust Single Point of Contact to arrange testing / assessment / admission as per Trust Protocol
- Notify Public Health Agency (0300 555 0119)
- Assess suitability for self-isolation using **checklist**
- Contact NIAS if transport home required
- Private transport can only be used if case can drive themselves OR if driver has already had prior exposure to case