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**TO:** All Facilities

**SUBJECT:** Infection Control Recommendations for Facilities with Suspect  
Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Patients

**All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary**

This AFL notifies healthcare facilities of the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH's) infection control recommendations for outpatient healthcare facilities with suspect COVID-19 patients.

CDPH is closely working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local governments, and health care providers across the state to respond to the outbreak of COVID-19. To prevent infections from spreading during healthcare delivery, CDPH has developed infection control recommendations for outpatient healthcare facilities with suspect COVID-19 patients.

Suspect COVID-19 patients are those with fever or signs/symptoms of respiratory illness **and** a history in the prior 14 days of contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 case or travel to an affected country or area as per the latest CDC recommendations. If your facility suspects COVID-19 infection, please refer to the [CDPH Outpatient Healthcare Facility Infection Control Recommendations for Suspect COVID-19 Patients](#) (PDF).

For healthcare personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19, refer to the CDC's [Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure in a Healthcare Setting to Patients with Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#). This interim guidance is intended to assist with assessment of risk, monitoring, and work restriction decisions for healthcare personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19.

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If you have any questions regarding the infection prevention and control of COVID-19, please contact the CDPH Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program at [novelvirus@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:novelvirus@cdph.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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### **Resources**

- [CDPH Outpatient Healthcare Facility Infection Control Recommendations for Suspect COVID-19 Patients \(PDF\)](#)
- [CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) or Persons Under Investigation for COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings](#)
- [CDC Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure in a Healthcare Setting to Patients with Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [CDPH Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) webpage](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) webpage](#)