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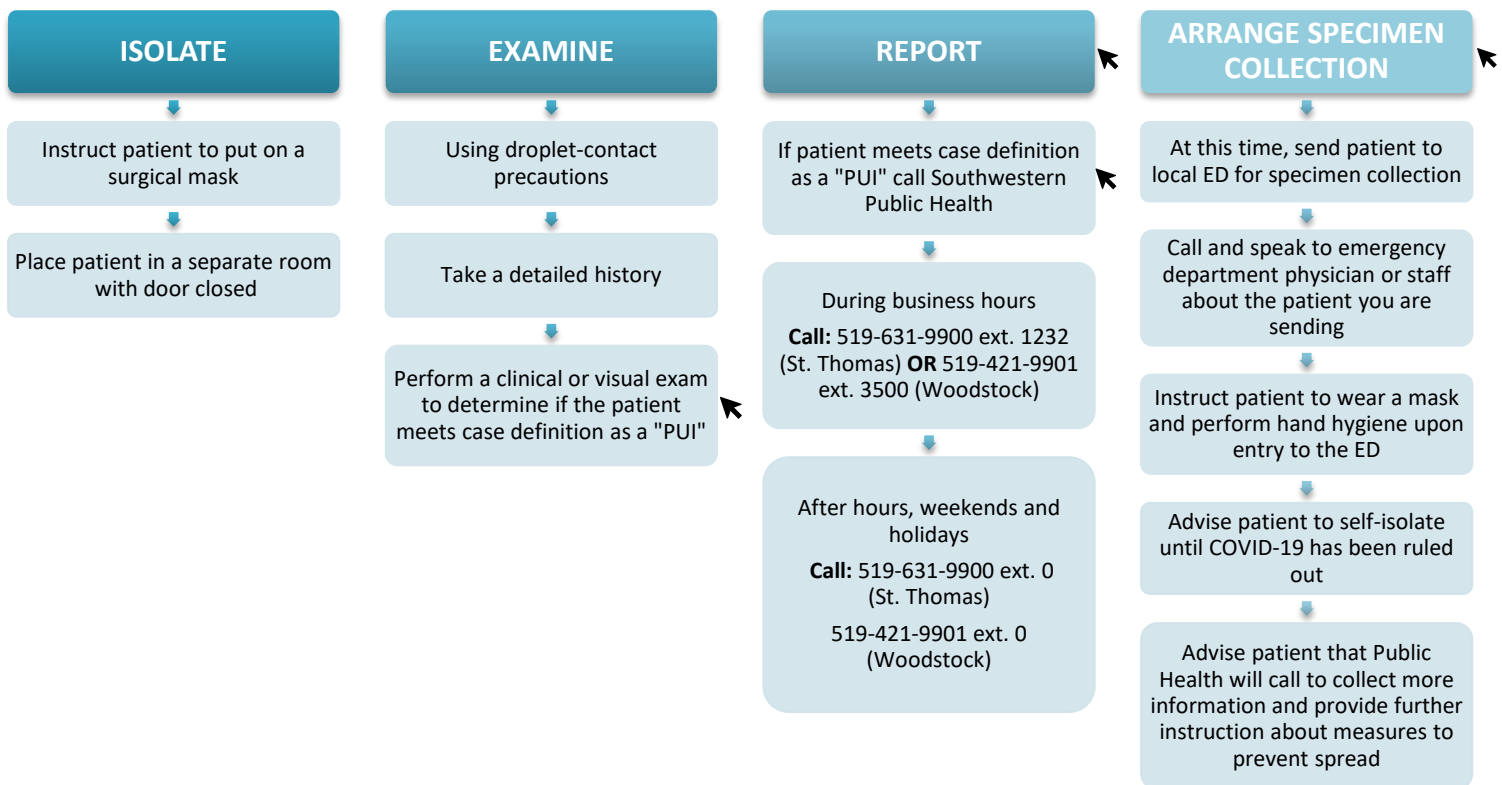
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COVID-19 Update

Screening Patients for COVID-19

- If a Patient Screens Positive at Your Office:



- For **additional COVID-19 screening and IPAC information**, refer to:
 - [COVID-19 Information and Resources](#), Ontario College of Family Physicians
 - [Coronavirus: Summary of Guidance for Primary Care Providers in Community Based Settings](#), Ontario Medical Association.

Risk Levels and Precautions for COVID-19

Ministry of Health

At-a-Glance Risk Levels and Precautions for COVID-19

Version 2.0

Risk Level	Description of Risk Level	Isolation Level	Public Health Unit Responsibilities
Persons being tested for COVID-19	PUI with a high index of suspicion for becoming a case (i.e., PUI had high risk exposure)	Self isolate	Assess and provide self-isolation information to PUI when notified of PUI and provide test result to PUI when reported Daily monitoring while test result is pending Consider identification and/or follow-up of close contacts
	Clinician has ordered COVID-19 testing, but patient does not have a high index of suspicion for becoming a case	Self isolate	Assess and provide self-isolation information to PUI Intermittent monitoring while test result is pending (at discretion of PHU) If PHU was not aware of PUI prior to receiving a negative test result, follow-up is at the discretion of the PHU.
High risk exposure	Recent travel to Hubei OR Iran OR another impacted area where returning travelers are advised to self-isolate Known close contact with a case	Self isolate for 14 days from last known exposure	Intermittent monitoring (Days 1 & 14, plus intermittently at discretion of the PHU). If symptoms develop, manage as a PUI. If test is negative, individual is no longer a PUI, but should continue to self-isolate until 14 days from last exposure.
Medium risk exposure	Recent travel to mainland China or Impacted Area for COVID-19 (except those listed above) OR Known non-close contact with a case	Self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days from last known exposure	Give instructions to self-monitor. If symptoms develop, manage as a PUI. If test is negative, individual is no longer a PUI, but should continue to self-monitor for 14 days from last exposure
Low/no risk exposure	No known contact with a case	None	Provide reassurance and provide general health advice. If travel abroad (other than country listed as an Impacted Area for COVID-19) refer to PH Guidelines Table 3

*This chart summarizes information for health units on PUIs, contacts of cases and returned travelers. The contents of this summary table are based on information provided in the Public Health Management of cases and contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario Version 5. For more detailed information, please refer to PUI guidance (page 6), contact management (page 14-18) and guidance for travelers (page 20-21). As of March 3, 2020, Impacted Areas for COVID-19 include: China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and South Korea. Please refer to PHAC's COVID-19 Affected Areas website for the most updated information on impacted areas.

Other Important Website Links

- [Situation Reports: Provincial, National, Global](#)
- [Synopsis of Key Articles: Public Health Ontario](#)
- [Guidance Documents: Ministry of Health](#)
- [Travel Health Risks and Precautions, Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

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