

# COVID-19 Information Sheet



DESERT REGIONAL  
MEDICAL CENTER

**NOTE:** At this time, there are no confirmed cases in Riverside County.

If patient presents to the Emergency Department, the Riverside County Department of Public Health, in consultation with clinicians, will determine whether a patient is a Person Under Investigation for COVID-19. The following clinical features and risk must be present:

Clinical Features	&	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)	AND	Any person, including healthcare workers, who has had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization	AND	A history of travel from affected geographic areas (see below) within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)	AND	No source of exposure has been identified

**Affected Geographic areas with widespread or sustained community transmission:**

China

Iran

Italy

Japan

South Korea

*If 'yes' to the above criteria . . . Put a surgical mask on the patient and place the person in a private room with the door closed (or in an airborne isolation room), and notify the House Supervisor at ext. 6743. Limit the number of staff interacting with the patient if possible.*

- House Supervisor will notify the Administrator on Call and Infection Prevention
- ED Physician will notify Riverside County Department of Public Health **(951-358-5107 or 951-782-2974 for after hours)**
- Place the patient in **Standard / Contact / Airborne Precautions** and use appropriate PPE
- If the patient requires a test or procedure please perform in the patient's room, limit patient movement in the facility. If patient must be transported please place a surgical mask on the patient and ensure the hallway is clear and the receiving department adheres to Standard/Contact / Airborne Precautions (Please collaborate with Riverside County Public Health Dept before ordering tests & procedures that cannot be performed in the patient's room)

**If the patient is admitted to the inpatient areas:**

- Place patient in an airborne isolation room or private room with a door
- Care for the patient as you would any patient on airborne and contact precautions
- Positive Air Pressure Respirators (PAPRs) are used only for
  - Staff who cannot wear N95 mask
  - Staff participating with bronchoscopy or actively performing or assisting with intubation
  - Call the Respiratory Supervisor at ext. 6013 if a PAPR is needed



For Frequently Asked Questions, please scan the QR code to the left or access accurate information from the Centers for Disease Control using the links below.

*For additional questions, contact Infection Prevention at ext. 6581*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/infection-prevention-control-faq.html>

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