

Novel Corona Virus / COVID-19 Procedure

Protocol 6: Breathing Problems

Protocol 26: Sick Person

Specifically, a person is feeling ill and has symptoms of respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath)

Ask: Do they have a fever?

If NO, STOP:

No additional COVID-19 questioning is necessary

If YES, ASK:

1. **“Before feeling sick, had you (the patient) travelled outside the United States in the 14 days prior?”**
2. **“Have you (the patient) had close contact with anyone known to have novel Corona virus illness?”**

Narrate **“COVID19 Inquiry”** along with **“yes”** or **“no”** for results

**If YES to either question 1 or 2 above:
Make Radio announcement & notify Health Dept.**

CALLTAKERS:

Instruct the caller:

“Keep the patient isolated from others until the ambulance arrives, in another room, or at least 6 feet away.”

RADIO DISPATCHERS (ALL):

Advise ALL responders on dispatch (police, fire, EMS) via RADIO:
... **“Patient with flu-like symptoms with recent travel history”** or **“known exposure to novel Corona virus”** and **“PPE is recommended”**.

Should we notify responders of a possible case, contact DCBCH on-call rep:

- Days (0900-1700 Mon-Fri) - (845) 486-3402
- All other times - (845) 431-6465

Provide: CAD CFS #, Location of Call, Ambulance transporting the patient, Hospital disposition