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## NOTICE TO THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

The patient giving you this notice was recently in an area experiencing an outbreak of 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or was exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 and may have signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Other more common respiratory infections should also be considered in the differential diagnosis. If the patient has fever, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath or other symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please do the following immediately:

- Instruct patient to wear a mask covering both the nose and the mouth and apply hand sanitizer to their hands
- Isolate the patient in a private room. If patient must sit in the waiting room, instruct them to sit away from others and practice respiratory etiquette.
  - Place patient in an Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR) if available. An AIIR should meet current standards, including:
    - Providing at least six (existing facility) or 12 (new construction/renovation) air changes per hour.
    - Directing exhaust of air to the outside.
    - If an AIIR does not directly exhaust to the outside, the air may be returned to the air-handling system or adjacent spaces if all air is directed through HEPA filters.
  - If AIIR is unavailable, place him/her in a private examination room with the door closed.
- Use standard, contact, droplet and airborne precautions when interacting with the patient including:
  - Hand hygiene before donning gloves and before contact with the patient or environment
  - Gloves, fluid resistant gown, and eye protection (e.g. goggles or faceshield)
  - NIOSH-approved and fit-tested N95 mask **OR** Controlled Air Purifying Respiratory (CAPR)/Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR)
  - Hand hygiene after removing gloves and after contact with the patient or environment
- Limit the number of staff entering the room and document which staff have contact with the patient
- Notify Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) immediately for further guidance on patient management, and evaluation: 1-877-605-2660 (Answering Service).**

### For more information, visit:

- Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS):  
<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus.php>.
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):  
<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus.php>.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/guidance-hcp.html>

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