Health Advisory: Clinical and Laboratory Guidance for Managing Patients Who May Have Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Infection

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to update its Situation Summary on the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) initially identified in Wuhan, China. This updated Situation Summary is available here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html

The San Francisco Department of Public Health is issuing:

- A Clinical Check List for managing patients who may have 2019-nCoV infection. The Check List is for San Francisco clinicians and includes instructions for patient identification, reporting to public health, infection control guidance, and laboratory testing, as well as instructions for specimen collection and handling.

- Travel alert signage in English, Simplified and Traditional Chinese that can be posted in clinical settings.


Suspected cases of 2019-nCoV infection should be reported immediately by phone to the San Francisco Department of Public Health at (415) 554 – 2830. If calling after hours, follow instructions to reach the on-call physician.

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