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NOTICE TO THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER: PERSON AT RISK FOR 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND PRESENTING FOR MEDICAL CARE

The patient giving you this notice either recently traveled in an area experiencing an outbreak of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) or was exposed to another patient with confirmed 2019-nCoV. If the patient has fever, cough, difficulty breathing or other symptoms consistent with 2019-nCoV infection, 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.
- Place patient in an airborne infection isolation room (AIIR), if available. If an AIIR is not available, isolate the patient in a private examination room with the door closed. Do not reuse this room for other patients until instructed by Public Health.
- Use Standard, Contact, and Airborne Precautions when interacting with the patient including:
 - ✓ Hand hygiene before donning gloves and before contact with the patient or environment
 - ✓ Don PPE:
 1. A fluid resistant gown
 2. Use a NIOSH-approved and fit-tested N95 mask (or powered air purifying respirator (PAPR))
 3. Eye protection (e.g. eye goggles or face shield)
 4. Gloves
 - ✓ Remove PPE
 - ✓ Hand hygiene after removing gloves and after contact with the patient or environment
- Limit the number of staff entering the room.
- Document which staff have contact with the patient.
- Immediately notify the local health department (LHD) where the patient resides (LHD contacts: www.nyscho.org/directory/). Providers unable to reach the LHD can contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at 518-473-4439 during business hours or the NYSDOH Public Health Duty Officer at 1-866-881-2809 evenings, weekends, and holidays.**

For more information:

www.cdc.gov/nCoV

www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/