

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome - SARS

Problem Report of suspect case of SARS in patient with recent travel to reported endemic area

Action

1. Obtain name, DOB, address of the patient
2. Obtain name, telephone number of reporting party.
3. Complete the “ form for each potential case, including probable cases or contacts.
4. Report immediately to the Second Duty Officer.
5. Clinical Criteria for suspect and probable cases of SARS:
 - Asymptomatic or mild respiratory illness
 - Moderate respiratory illness:
 - Temperature of 100.4°F (>38°C)*, **AND**
 - One or more clinical findings of respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or hypoxia).
 - Severe respiratory illness:
 - Temperature of 100.4°F (>38°C)*, **AND**
 - One or more clinical findings of respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or hypoxia), **AND**
 - Radiographic evidence of pneumonia, **OR**
 - respiratory distress syndrome, **OR**
 - autopsy findings consistent with pneumonia or respiratory distress syndrome without an identifiable cause.
6. Epidemiological Criteria includes:
 - Travel (including transit in an airport) within 10 days of onset of symptoms to an area with current or recently documented or suspected community transmission of SARS, **OR**
 - Close contact within 10 days of onset of symptoms with a person known or suspected to have SARS infection.
7. SARS suspected or probable cases require a combination of Airborne, Droplet and Contact Precautions per current CDC criteria.

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