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All registered TCM practitioners

MOH CIRCULAR 30/2020

REVISION OF SUSPECT CASE DEFINITION FOR 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)

As of 4 February 1500H, 20,672 cases including 427 deaths had been reported globally. Of the 20,672 cases, 20,476 (including 425 deaths) were reported in mainland China, with a large proportion in Wuhan city and Hubei province. Other areas in mainland China had recently started to experience significant human-to-human transmission, such as Zhejiang province, including Hangzhou city. Hence, in addition to Hubei province, recent travel to Zhejiang province, including Hangzhou city, is assessed to constitute higher risk exposure than other parts of China which requires a high index of suspicion.

2. As of 4 February 2020, the Ministry of Health has confirmed 24 cases of 2019-novel coronavirus infection (2019-nCoV) in Singapore. There were 20 imported cases, three local cases infected through contact with a tour group from China during their work (comprising two salespersons and a tour guide), and a foreign domestic worker who worked for one of the local cases.

UPDATE OF SUSPECT CASE DEFINITION

3. In view of the above, we have **expanded** the suspect case criteria to the following:

- a) A person with clinical signs and symptoms suggestive of pneumonia or severe respiratory infection with breathlessness **AND** travel to mainland China within 14 days before onset of illness; or
- b) A person with an acute respiratory illness of any degree of severity who, within 14 days before onset of illness had:
 - i. Been to Hubei Province (including Wuhan city) or **Zhejiang Province (including Hangzhou city)**, China; **OR**

- ii. Been to a hospital in mainland China; OR
- iii. Had close contact¹ with a case of 2019 novel coronavirus infection; OR
- iv. Had frequent or close contact during work² with recent travellers from mainland China (travel history in the last 14 days).

3. Please note that **transit only** in an airport located in mainland China is **not** considered as having travelled to mainland China.

4. Suspect cases whose conditions are medically stable should be referred to **the nearest General Practitioner (GP) for further evaluation immediately.**

5. Please call the SCDF (995) ambulance if the patient is medically unstable (i.e. hypotensive or breathless). Please inform the ambulance operator that you are referring a 2019-nCov suspect case.

6. A copy of “General Advisory on Good Clinical Practice and Infection Control for TCM Practice (2020)” is included as part of this circular for your reference. Your continued vigilance against possible cases of 2019-nCoV is greatly appreciated.

7. For clarification on this circular, please email MOH_INFO@moh.gov.sg.



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IMPORTANT

The case definition in this circular supersedes MOH CIRCULAR 20/2020 titled, “REVISION OF SUSPECT CASE DEFINITION FOR WUHAN CORONAVIRUS (WUHAN VIRUS)” dated 27 January 2020

¹ Close contact is defined as:

- Anyone who provided care for the patient, including a health care worker or family member, or who had other similarly close physical contact;
- Anyone who stayed (e.g. household members) at the same place as a case.

² Persons who attended business meetings/discussions, frontline staff in hospitality and tourism (e.g. hotels, shops, tours) with regular dealings with travellers from mainland China.



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致：中医注册执业者

卫生部通告 **30/2020**

修订 2019 新型冠状病毒（2019-nCoV）的疑似病例定义

截至 2 月 4 日下午 3 点，全球共报道了 20,672 起病例，包括 427 人死亡。在 20,672 起病例中，中国大陆报道了 20,476 例（包括 425 人死亡），其中由武汉市和湖北省报道的占大部分。最近，中国大陆其他地区开始出现明显的人传人现象，例如包括杭州在内的浙江省。因此，除湖北省之外，最近曾前往浙江省，包括杭州在内的人士被评估具有较高的暴露风险，而需要高度关注。

2. 截至 2020 年 2 月 4 日，卫生部确认在本地已有 24 起 2019 新型冠状病毒（2019-nCoV）感染病例。其中 20 起为外来病例，3 例是在工作期间因接触来自中国的旅行团（包括两名销售员和一名导游）而受感染，1 例是一名本地病例的外籍女佣。

更新的疑似病例定义

3. 基于以上发展，疑似病例的标准已扩大到以下几个点：

- a) 具疑似肺炎的临床体征和症状或严重呼吸道感染伴呼吸急促症状，**并在发病前的 14 天内到过中国大陆的人士；或**
- b) 患有任何严重程度的急性呼吸系统疾病的人士，并在发病前 14 天内：
 - i. 到过中国湖北省（包括武汉市）或浙江省（包括杭州市）；或
 - ii. 到过中国大陆的医院；或
 - iii. 曾与 2019 新型冠状病毒感染病例密切接触¹；或

¹ 密切接触的定义是：

- 为病人提供护理的人士，包括医护人员或家属，或有其他类似的密切身体接触者；
- 在同一个地点住（例如住过、探访过）的人士。

- iv. 在工作过程中与近期来自中国大陆的旅客（最近14天的旅行史）曾频繁或密切接触。
4. 请注意：仅在中国大陆的机场过境不被视为曾到过中国大陆。
5. 符合以上第 3 段落所列条件但病情稳定的疑似病例应立即转诊至最近的全科医生（GP）进行进一步评估。
6. 如果病人病情不稳定（即低血压或呼吸急促），请拨电 995 呼叫民防部队救护车，并通知救护车操作员病人是 2019-nCov 疑似病例。
7. 此通告附有一份“中医行业的良好临床实践与传染控制的一般咨询”，以供参考。非常感谢您对 2019-nCoV 的可疑病例保持警惕。
8. 若对此通告有疑问，请发送电邮至 MOH_INFO@moh.gov.sg.



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以上文件以英语原文为准

重要提示

此通告取代卫生部于 2020 年 1 月 27 日发出的题为“修订武汉冠状病毒（武汉病毒）的疑似病例定义”的卫生部通告 20/2020。

² 参加商务会议/讨论会的人士、定期与来自中国大陆的旅客打交道的接待和旅游业（例如酒店、商店、旅游）的前线人员并前线人员。



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