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Society guideline links: Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) – International and government guidelines for general care

Introduction

This topic includes links to select international and government-sponsored guidelines from several countries and regions around the world. We will update these links periodically; newer versions of some guidelines may be available on each organization's website.

More detailed guidance for specialty care, including links to individual society guidelines and resources for patients, are presented separately. (See "[Society guideline links: Coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) – Guidelines for specialty care](#)" and "[Society guideline links: Coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) – Resources for patients](#)".)

The recommendations in the following guidelines may vary from those that appear in UpToDate topic reviews. Readers who are looking for UpToDate topic reviews should use the UpToDate search box to find the relevant content.

International

- [World Health Organization \(WHO\): Country and technical guidance – Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) travel advice](#)
 - [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) technical guidance – The Unity Studies: Early investigations protocols](#)
 - [Protocol for assessment of potential risk factors for 2019-novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) infection among health care workers in a health care setting](#)

- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) technical guidance – Risk communication and community engagement](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) technical guidance – Surveillance and case definitions](#)
 - [Interim guidance on global surveillance \(with case definitions\) for human infection with coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) technical guidance – Patient management](#)
 - [Interim guidance for the clinical management of severe acute respiratory infection when COVID-19 is suspected](#)
 - [Clinical care of severe acute respiratory infections – Tool kit](#)
 - [Technical documentation on considerations for quarantine of individuals in the context of containment for coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Interim guidance on home care for patients with COVID-19 presenting with mild symptoms and management of their contacts](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) technical guidance – Essential resource planning](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) technical guidance – Laboratory testing for 2019-nCoV in humans](#)
 - [Interim guidance on laboratory testing for 2019 novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) in suspected human cases](#)
 - [Laboratory biosafety guidance related to coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) technical guidance – Infection prevention and control / WASH](#)
 - [Interim guidance on infection prevention and control during health care when novel coronavirus \(nCoV\) infection is suspected](#)
 - [Interim guidance on risk assessment and management of exposure of health care workers in the context of COVID-19](#)
 - [Interim guidance on the rational use of personal protective equipment for coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) and considerations during severe shortages](#)
 - [Advice on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19](#)

- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) technical guidance – Points of entry and mass gatherings](#)
 - [Guidance for health workers](#)
 - [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) technical guidance – Maintaining essential health services and systems](#)
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Canada

- [Public Health Agency of Canada \(PHAC\): Coronavirus infections – For health professionals](#)
 - [COVID-19 pandemic guidance for the health care sector](#)
 - [Clinical management of patients with moderate to severe COVID-19 – Interim guidance](#)
 - [Infection prevention and control for coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) – Interim guidance for acute healthcare settings](#)
 - [Routine practices and additional precautions for preventing the transmission of infection in healthcare settings](#)
 - [Interim national case definition – Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Interim national surveillance guidelines for human infection with coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Public health management of cases and contacts associated with coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) – Summary of assumptions](#)
 - [SARS-CoV-2 \(severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2\) – Biosafety advisory](#)
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United States

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\): Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Information for healthcare professionals](#)
 - [Evaluating and testing persons for coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

- [Interim clinical guidance for management of patients with confirmed coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Information for clinicians on investigational therapeutics for patients with COVID-19](#)
- [Interim guidance for implementing home care of people not requiring hospitalization for coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Discontinuation of transmission-based precautions and disposition of patients with COVID-19 in healthcare settings \(interim guidance\)](#)
- [Discontinuation of isolation for persons with COVID-19 not in healthcare settings \(interim guidance\)](#)
- [Interim infection prevention and control recommendations for patients with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in healthcare settings](#)
- [Using personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)
- [Statement for healthcare personnel on hand hygiene during the response to the international emergence of COVID-19](#)
- [Outpatient and ambulatory care settings – Responding to community transmission of COVID-19 in the United States](#)
- [Strategies to optimize the supply of PPE and equipment](#)
- [Interim US guidance for risk assessment and public health management of healthcare personnel with potential exposure in a healthcare setting to patients with coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Return to work for healthcare personnel with confirmed or suspected COVID-19](#)
- [Resources for hospitals and healthcare professionals preparing for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19](#)
- [Healthcare facilities – Preparing for community transmission](#)
- [Prepare your practice for COVID-19](#)
- [Health departments](#)
 - [Public health recommendations after travel-associated COVID-19 exposure](#)
 - [Public health recommendations for community-related exposure](#)

- [Interim guidance for public health professionals managing people with COVID-19 in home care and isolation who have pets or other animals](#)
 - [Information for laboratories](#)
 - [Interim guidelines for collecting, handling, and testing clinical specimens from persons under investigation \(PUIs\) for coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Interim laboratory biosafety guidelines for handling and processing specimens associated with coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Communities, schools, workplaces, and events](#)
 - [Interim guidance on implementing safety practices for critical infrastructure workers who may have had exposure to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19](#)
 - [Cleaning and disinfecting your facility](#)
 - [Resources to support people experiencing homelessness](#)
 - [Interim guidance on management of coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in correctional and detention facilities](#)
 - [Travel](#)
 - [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\): Coronavirus – Clinical and technical guidance](#)
 - [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): COVID-19 treatment guidelines](#)
 - [Overview and spectrum of COVID-19](#)
 - [Care of critically ill patients with COVID-19](#)
 - [Therapeutic options for COVID-19 currently under investigation](#)
 - [Considerations for certain concomitant medications in patients with COVID-19](#)
 - [US Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\): Coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
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Europe

- [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control \(ECDC\): COVID-19](#)

- [Risk assessment on COVID-19](#)
 - [Preparedness for COVID-19](#)
 - [Infection prevention and control for COVID-19 in healthcare settings](#)
 - [Guidance for health system contingency planning during widespread transmission of SARS-CoV-2 with high impact on healthcare services](#)
 - [Guidance for discharge and ending isolation in the context of widespread community transmission of COVID-19](#)
 - [Guidelines for the use of non-pharmaceutical measures to delay and mitigate the impact of 2019-nCoV](#)
 - [Personal protective equipment \(PPE\) needs in healthcare settings for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)
 - [EU level surveillance of COVID19](#)
 - [Case definition and European surveillance for COVID-19](#)
 - [Laboratory support for COVID-19 in the EU/EEA](#)
 - [Contact tracing – Public health management of persons, including healthcare workers, having had contact with COVID-19 cases in the European Union](#)
 - [Guidance for wearing and removing personal protective equipment in healthcare settings for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19](#)
 - [Disinfection of environments in healthcare and non-healthcare settings potentially contaminated with SARS-CoV-2](#)
 - [Using face masks in the community – Reducing COVID-19 transmission from potentially asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic people through the use of face masks](#)
 - [World Health Organization \(WHO\) Europe: Interim guidance on preparedness, prevention and control of COVID-19 in prisons and other places of detention](#)
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United Kingdom

- [National Health Service \(NHS\) England: Coronavirus guidance for clinicians and NHS managers](#)
 - [About coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

- [Prevention](#)
- [Infection control](#)
- [Assessment](#)
- [Management – Confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Discharge](#)
- [Isolation](#)

- [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence \(NICE\): Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [COVID-19 rapid guideline – Managing suspected or confirmed pneumonia in adults in the community](#)
 - [COVID-19 rapid guideline – Managing symptoms \(including at the end of life\) in the community](#)

- [Public Health England \(PHE\): COVID-19 – Guidance for health professionals](#)
 - [Guidance on COVID-19 – Investigation and initial clinical management of possible cases](#)
 - [Guidance on COVID-19 – Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospital settings](#)
 - [Guidance on COVID-19 – Guidance for stepdown of infection control precautions within hospitals and discharging COVID-19 patients from hospital to home settings](#)
 - [Guidance on COVID-19 – Infection prevention and control \(IPC\)](#)
 - [Guidance on COVID-19 – Personal protective equipment use for aerosol generating procedures](#)
 - [Guidance on COVID-19 – Personal protective equipment use for non-aerosol generating procedures](#)
 - [Guidance on COVID-19 – Guidance for sampling and for diagnostic laboratories](#)
 - [Guidance on COVID-19 – Rapid tests for use in community pharmacies or at home](#)
 - [Guidance on travel advice – Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Australia

- [Australian Government Department of Health \(DOH\): Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) resources for health professionals, including aged care providers, pathology providers and healthcare managers](#)
- [New South Wales Department of Health \(NSW Health\): COVID-19 – Health professionals](#)
 - [COVID-19 – Updated advice for health professionals](#)
 - [COVID-19 – Advice for healthcare workers, staff, students and volunteers](#)
 - [COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) – Guidance for community-based and outpatient health services](#)
 - [COVID-19 – Interim guidance for elective surgery and outpatient clinics](#)
 - [COVID-19 case definition and testing advice](#)
 - [Novel coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) – Control guideline for public health units](#)
 - [Clinical guidance and resources](#)
 - [Personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)
 - [COVID-19 testing prioritisation](#)

Japan

- [In Japanese] [National Institute of Infectious Diseases \(NIID\): Novel coronavirus \(nCoV\)](#)
 - [Infection control for new coronavirus infectious diseases](#)
 - [New coronavirus infection, health and infection control at home treatment](#)
 - [2019-nCoV \(new coronavirus\) infection sample suspected patient transportation manual](#)
 - [About discharge standard of new coronavirus infectious disease](#)

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