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Weekly Provider Update--- COVID-19

This summary is to inform you of important changes to current recommendations or alert you to situations that require your awareness. It is not meant to replace the guidance documents that are being shared. Items below are simply an overview of pertinent information for the week.

- **Potential Community Spread (isolated):**
 - On February 25, CDC confirmed COVID-19 in a person who reportedly did not have relevant travel history or exposure to another known patient with COVID-19 (unknown exposure). At this time, this virus is NOT currently spreading in the community in the United States.

- **Updated PUI Definition:**

Clinical Features	&	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever ¹ or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)	AND	Any person, including health care workers ² , who has had close contact ³ with a laboratory-confirmed ⁴ COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever ¹ and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization	AND	A history of travel from affected geographic areas ⁵ (see below) within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever ¹ with severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization ⁶ and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza) ⁷	AND	No source of exposure has been identified

Affected Geographic Areas with Widespread or Sustained Community Transmission Last updated February 26, 2020:

- China
- Iran
- Italy
- Japan
- South Korea

**Note that any unexplained severe respiratory illness requiring hospitalization can be considered for testing at this time without travel to an affected geographic area; however, other diagnosis such as flu and/or common respiratory infections should be ruled out before a request for testing is made.