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pandemic flu where patients were

asked to resume work/school once

afebrile for 24h or by day 7 of illness.

Negative molecular tests were not a

prerequisite for discharge.

At the community level, people should

be asked to avoid crowded areas and

postpone non-essential travel to places

with ongoing transmission. They

should be asked to practice cough

hygiene by coughing in sleeve/ tissue

rather than hands and practice hand

hygiene frequently every 15-20 min.

Patients with respiratory symptoms

should be asked to use surgical masks.

The use of mask by healthy people in

public places has not shown to protect

against respiratory viral infections and

is currently not recommended by

WHO. However, in China, the public

has been asked to wear masks in public

and especially in crowded places and

large scale gatherings are prohibited

(entertainment parks etc). China is also