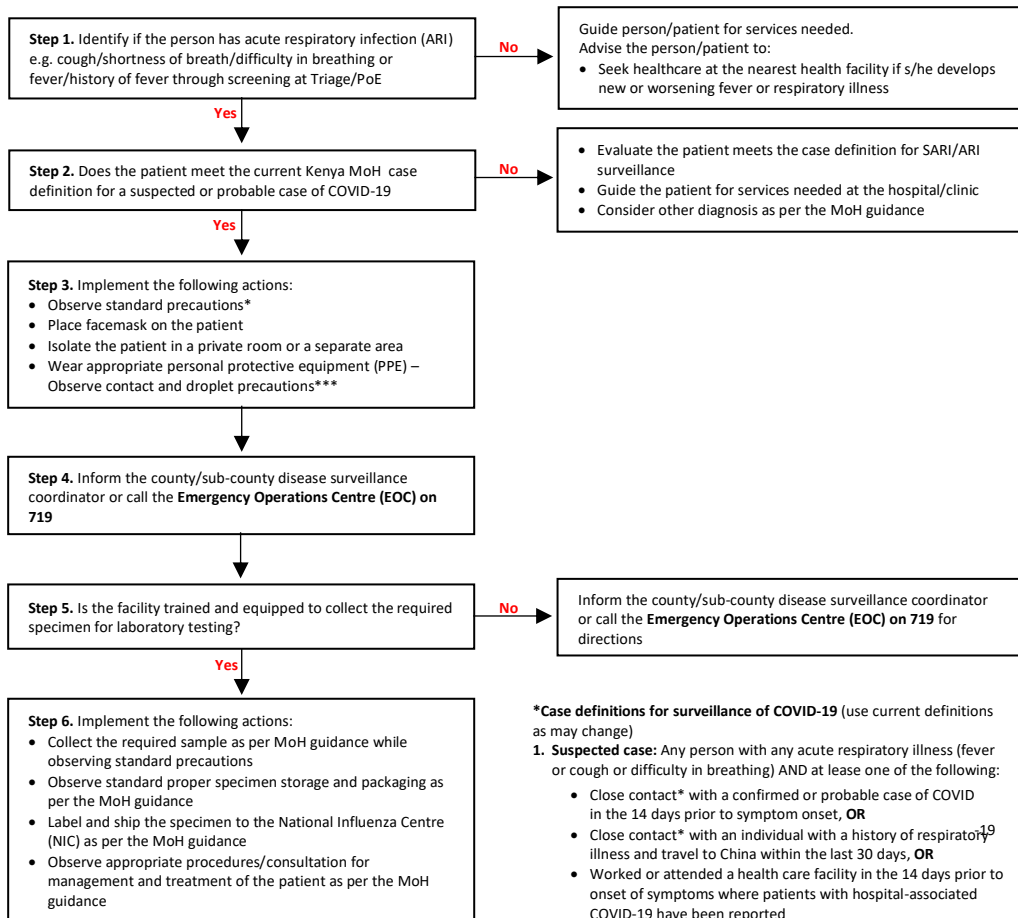


Investigation and Management of ARI due to COVID-19 at a Health Facility

This guideline has been developed to aid healthcare workers in the evaluation and management of patients with acute respiratory infections (ARI) due to unknown or known respiratory pathogens that have the potential for large-scale epidemics at a health facility. Please refer to the current MoH case definitions* for COVID-19 for what is deemed to be a suspected, probable and confirmed case of COVID-19.



***Case definitions for surveillance of COVID-19** (use current definitions as may change)

- 1. Suspected case:** Any person with any acute respiratory illness (fever or cough or difficulty in breathing) AND at least one of the following:
 - Close contact* with a confirmed or probable case of COVID in the 14 days prior to symptom onset, **OR**
 - Close contact* with an individual with a history of respiratory¹⁹ illness and travel to China within the last 30 days, **OR**
 - Worked or attended a health care facility in the 14 days prior to onset of symptoms where patients with hospital-associated COVID-19 have been reported
- 2. Probable case:** A suspected case for whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive** or for whom testing was positive on a pan-coronavirus assay.
- 3. Confirmed case:** A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical sign and symptoms

***Close contact is defined as:**

- Working together in close proximity or sharing the same classroom environment with a COVID-19 patient
- Travelling together with a COVID-19 patient in any kind of conveyance
- Living in the same household as a COVID-19 patient
- Healthcare associated exposure including providing direct care for COVID-19 patients, working with healthcare workers infected with COVID-19, visiting patients or staying in the same closed environment as a COVID-19 patient

The epidemiological link may have occurred within a 14-day period before or after the onset of illness in the case under consideration.