Primary Care Providers in a community setting should:

**PREPARE**

- **APPLY** Routine Practices and Additional Precautions
- **ASSESS** whether your practice has the capacity to safely conduct a clinical examination and collect specimens for patients at risk of having 2019-nCoV
  
  Capacity requirements include:
  - Access to, and ability to safely use N95 respirators
  - Appropriate cleaning procedures in place
- **IMPLEMENT** a process to screen patients and flag suspected cases

**SCREEN**

- **SCREEN PATIENTS:**
  - By phone (if applicable)
  - At the door (via signage)
  - At reception

If your practice has safety precautions* in place to manage 2019-nCoV

**EXAMINE**

- **EXAMINE** the patient and take a detailed history to determine if they meet the definition of “Person Under Investigation”

**TEST**

- **TEST:** collect and submit specimens to Public Health Ontario, if you have capacity to do so, OR
- **CONTACT** the local public health unit to organize testing

**NOTES:**
- Primary care providers are not required to conduct testing.
- Contact Public Health Ontario to obtain approval for testing before collecting specimens.**

**REPORT**

- **REPORT** all suspected and confirmed cases to your local Public Health Unit

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** For approval, contact PHO Laboratory’s Customer Service Centre at 416-235-6556 / 1-877-604-4567 or the After-Hours Emergency Duty Officer at 416-605-3113
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| AND | Your clinic does not have safety precautions in place to manage 2019-nCoV | 1. Take a detailed history by phone  
2. Determine if the patient meets the definition of “Person Under Investigation” (PUI).  
3. **REPORT:** If the patient is a PUI, call your local public health unit to report the case, determine if testing is appropriate and (if so) determine next steps for the patient. |

| If a patient screens positive at the office | Your clinic has safety precautions* in place to manage 2019-nCoV | 1. **ISOLATE:** Mask the patient and isolate them in a room with a closed door upon arrival  
2. **EXAMINE:** Take a detailed history and perform a clinical examination to determine if the patient meets the definition of “Person Under Investigation” (PUI)  
3. **REPORT:** If the patient is a PUI, contact your local Public Health Unit to report the case and determine next steps, which could include:  
  - **Testing** in at your office,** at a public health location, or at the local hospital  
  - **Referral** to hospital*** |
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| AND | Your clinic does not have safety precautions in place to manage 2019-nCoV | 1. **ISOLATE:** Mask the patient and isolate them in a room with a closed door upon arrival  
2. **EXAMINE (OPTIONAL):**  
  - Maintain contact/droplet precautions and a 2-metre distance from the patient.  
  - Take a history and do a visual examination to determine if the patient meets the definition of “Person Under Investigation” (PUI).  
3. **REPORT:** If the patient is a PUI, contact your local Public Health Unit to report the case and determine next steps, which could include:  
  - **Testing** at a public health location, or at the local hospital  
  - **Referral** to hospital*** |

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** Primary care providers are not expected to conduct testing for 2019-nCoV; however they may do so if prepared and have the capacity to conduct the test and send specimens to Public Health Ontario.  
*** If patients are referred to local hospital: coordinate with the hospital, the Public Health Unit and the patient to make safe arrangements for transfer that maintains isolation of the patient.