LAX Suspect Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome – Corona Virus (MERS - CoV)
Patient Assessment and Transportation Guidelines

LAFD responding to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) determines if patient meets MERS - CoV case definition

Fever and respiratory symptoms (shortness of breath, cough) AND

Confirmed travel to the Arabian Peninsula*
Or
History of being at a healthcare facility as a patient, worker or visitor in the Republic of Korea (South Korea) within 14 days of symptom onset

Meets criteria?

YES

Implement recommended PPE during assessment, transport and treatment:
1. Gown, gloves, N95 mask, eye protection (face shield or goggles)
2. Place face mask on patient if able to tolerate

Contact Public Health by calling:
(213) 240-7941 (M-F 8AM-5PM)
(213) 974-1234 (after hours – ask for Public Health AOD)
If no call back from PH within 15 minutes, call:
(213) 793-9407 (Dr. Laurene Mascola) or
(323) 236-9627 (Dr. Benjamin Schwartz)

NO

Implement standard precautions for infection control

Follow applicable prehospital care policy

NO

PH confirms PUI for MERS

YES

LAFD notifies and transports patient to UCLA

NO

LAFD notifies UCLA and transports patient to MAR

*Bahrain, Iraq, Iran, Israel, West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

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