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Memorandum

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To: All Health Care Providers
From: Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) & Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC)
Subject: Provider Update #5: 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Colleagues,

We have become aware of a number of situations that suggest community level transmission of COVID-19 outside Mainland China. We are concerned that returning travellers in close contact with individuals in some Asian countries and Iran may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Effective immediately clinicians are requested to call MOH (Dr Elliott: 335-0546) for a risk assessment for all travellers returning from Asia and Iran who present with RI signs/symptoms within 14 days of leaving these countries.

This is an interim approach and further guidance should be anticipated later this week.

It is important to note that this does not apply to travelers returning from Philippines, unless there are other exposure events such as health care worker delivering care to persons being investigated for COVID-19.

Contact and droplet precautions should be used for these individuals until the risk assessment suggests they are not at risk of infection with COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Elliott or YCDC.

Thank you,

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