Guidelines for Clinicians:

STAY ALERT FOR TRAVEL-RELATED NOVEL RESPIRATORY VIRAL INFECTION
(e.g. MERS-CoV, H7N9)

CONSIDER NOVEL RESPIRATORY VIRUSES
(e.g. NEW STRAINS OF INFLUENZA OR CORONAVIRUSES)

IN PATIENTS WITH:

A. ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:
   Fever AND Cough, SOB, Hypoxia, Pneumonia and/or ARDS

AND

B. ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RISK FACTORS:
   Travel within 14 days of illness onset to an area with current outbreak of Severe
   Acute Respiratory Illness*;
   Close contact within 14 days of illness with someone who was ill and who traveled
   in the past 14 days to an area with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness*;
   Works in health care setting.

REPORT ANY CLUSTER OF PATIENTS WITH UNEXPLAINED PNEUMONIA
ALWAYS TAKE A TRAVEL HISTORY

*CONSIDER Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) if patient has travelled to Arabian Peninsula.
   Consider H7N9 if patient has travelled to China.
   Visit: www.cdc.gov/travel/notices for current affected areas.

INFECTION CONTROL PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN WHEN EVALUATING
A PATIENT FOR TRAVEL-RELATED NOVEL RESPIRATORY VIRUS WHO MEETS CRITERIA ABOVE:

- Place Surgical Mask on Patient Immediately
- Place Patient in an Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR)
- Implement Contact and Airborne Infection Control Precautions
- PPE:
  - N95 or Higher Respirators
  - Goggles or Face Shields (for high risk procedures such as bronchoscopy, intubation, nebulized therapy and tracheal suction);
  - Gown and Gloves
- Limit Personnel Entering Patient Room
- Scrupulous Hand Hygiene
- Notify Infection Control Practitioner on Call

NOTIFY THE CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF
ANY SUSPICIOUS CASES AT 518-565-4848 or 518-565-3270
(After Hours Phone Number)

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