Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is a respiratory illness recently reported in Asia, North America and Europe.

**Suspected Case:**

Please tell your health care provider if you have had a respiratory illness with onset since February, 2003 and:

- Measured temperature $> 100.5$ Degrees Fahrenheit (>$38$ Degrees Celsius) **AND**

- One or more clinical findings of respiratory illness (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, hypoxia, or radiographic findings of either pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome) **AND**

- Travel within 10 days of onset of symptoms to Peoples’ Republic of China (i.e., mainland China and Hong Kong; Hanoi, Vietnam; and Singapore)

**OR**

Close contact* within 10 days of onset of symptoms with either a person with a respiratory illness who traveled to a SARS area or a person known to be a suspect SARS case.

* Close contact is defined as having cared for, having lived with, or having direct contact with respiratory secretions and/or body fluids of a patient known to be suspect SARS case.