**INPATIENT IDENTIFICATION OF A SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASE**

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|  **Process** |
| **Patient identified as meeting current clinical indicators: i.e.:****a. A new continuous cough*****OR*****b. High temperature (of 37.8 degrees centigrade or higher)****For the most up to date information on case definition access the national investigation and management guidance:**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-initial-investigation-of-possible-cases/investigation-and-initial-clinical-management-of-possible-cases-of-wuhan-novel-coronavirus-wn-cov-infection> | **Severe acute respiratory distress -** **phone 9-999 or 9-0300 3300295** |
| * **Ensure patient remains in their own bedroom with the door closed and follow the PPE/decontamination guidance in the link above**
* **Commence source isolation and ensure the patient has everything they need available**
* **If in respiratory distress or severe deterioration follow red box instruction above**
* **Contact the Infection Control Team by email** **infectioncontrol.lypft@nhs.net** **who can advise on management and next steps to swab the patient and further guidance to follow in caring for exposed staff and other patients**

 | **LYPFT Infection Control: 0113 85 55957** |
|  | **For services working out of hours: Contact on call manager via switch board 0113 85 55000**  |