**Coronavirus Guidance**

In light of the number of queries that we have been receiving from practices with regard to the outbreak of Coronavirus in the UK please see below some guidance for practices.

The four key principles to bear in mind in community settings are:-

* **Identify possible cases as soon as possible**
* **Isolate to prevent transmission to other patients and staff**
* **Avoid direct physical contact unless wearing appropriate personal protective equipment**
* **Get specialist advice from Public Health Wales.**
* **If a patient presents at the surgery with cough/sore throat/shortness of breath/temperature – receptionist to check if they have returned from China recently or been in contact with anybody who has returned from China recently**. **IF YES**
  + Patient to be put into a separate room. Avoid physical examination of a suspected case. The patient should remain in the room with the door closed. Belongings and waste should remain in the room
  + Contact Public Health Wales protection team on 0300 003 0032 who will provide the necessary risk assessment and advice on further action.
* **If a patient telephones the surgery complaining of cough/sore throat/shortness of breath/temperature - receptionist to check if they have returned from China recently or been in contact with anybody who has returned from China recently**.
  + The patient is advised to stay at home and not to leave the house.
  + GP to assess the patient over the telephone
  + Contact Public Health Wales protection team on 0300 003 0032 who will provide the necessary risk assessment and advice on further action

The link below will take you to the guidance that has been issued by Public Health for Primary Care.

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wn-cov-guidance-for-primary-care**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wn-cov-guidance-for-primary-care)