

Guidance for triage and handling cases of COVID infection in refugee and immigrants reception centers

NPHO is currently on high alert monitoring the international progress of the epidemic and regularly updating the case definition.

The following apply specifically for refugee and immigrants reception centers:

- The NPHO field coordinator shall appoint a COVID-19 infection supervisor (a Healthcare Professional). He shall be contacted and present at points of entrance of newly arrived individuals, to proceed with triage based on the current COVID-19 case definition (available at: <https://eody.gov.gr/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2019-ncov-orismos-kroysmatos-2.pdf>).
- If a suspected case is identified during triage, the COVID-19 infection supervisor shall arrange transfer to the hospital for testing.
- If non-symptomatic individuals are identified and have a travel history to areas of ongoing transmission within the past 14 days, as described in the current case definition (available at: <https://eody.gov.gr/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2019-ncov-orismos-kroysmatos-2.pdf>) the supervisor shall order the isolation of these individuals for at least 14 days since their reported exposure to infection.
- If isolation is not possible for non-symptomatic individuals with a travel history to areas with ongoing transmission within the past 14 days, these individuals are strictly obliged to wear a surgical mask when moving and coming in contact with other persons, for at least 14 days since their reported exposure to infection. If they develop symptoms, they must immediately contact the Reception Center's health service and avoid visiting other health services without informing the Center.
- The healthcare professional at the Reception Center Health Service shall examine the suspected case of COVID-19 and shall inform the field coordinator and NPHO (tel. 210 5212054) about the case transfer to the hospital for testing.
- Test results shall be communicated by NPHO to the field coordinator and the COVID-19 infection supervisor.
- The supervisor responsible for handling COVID-19 cases shall participate in the process of tracking the contacts of the confirmed case and shall proceed with handling the contacts based on the guidelines and assistance provided by NPHO.

Use of personal protective equipment must be carried out in accordance with current NPHO guidance. NPHO's field coordinator shall coordinate the center's preparation for potential cases or cluster of novel coronavirus infection cases. In particular, the coordinator must care to gather personal protective equipment and train the healthcare personnel for handling a suspected case and for tracking and handling contacts in accordance with NPHO's guidance.