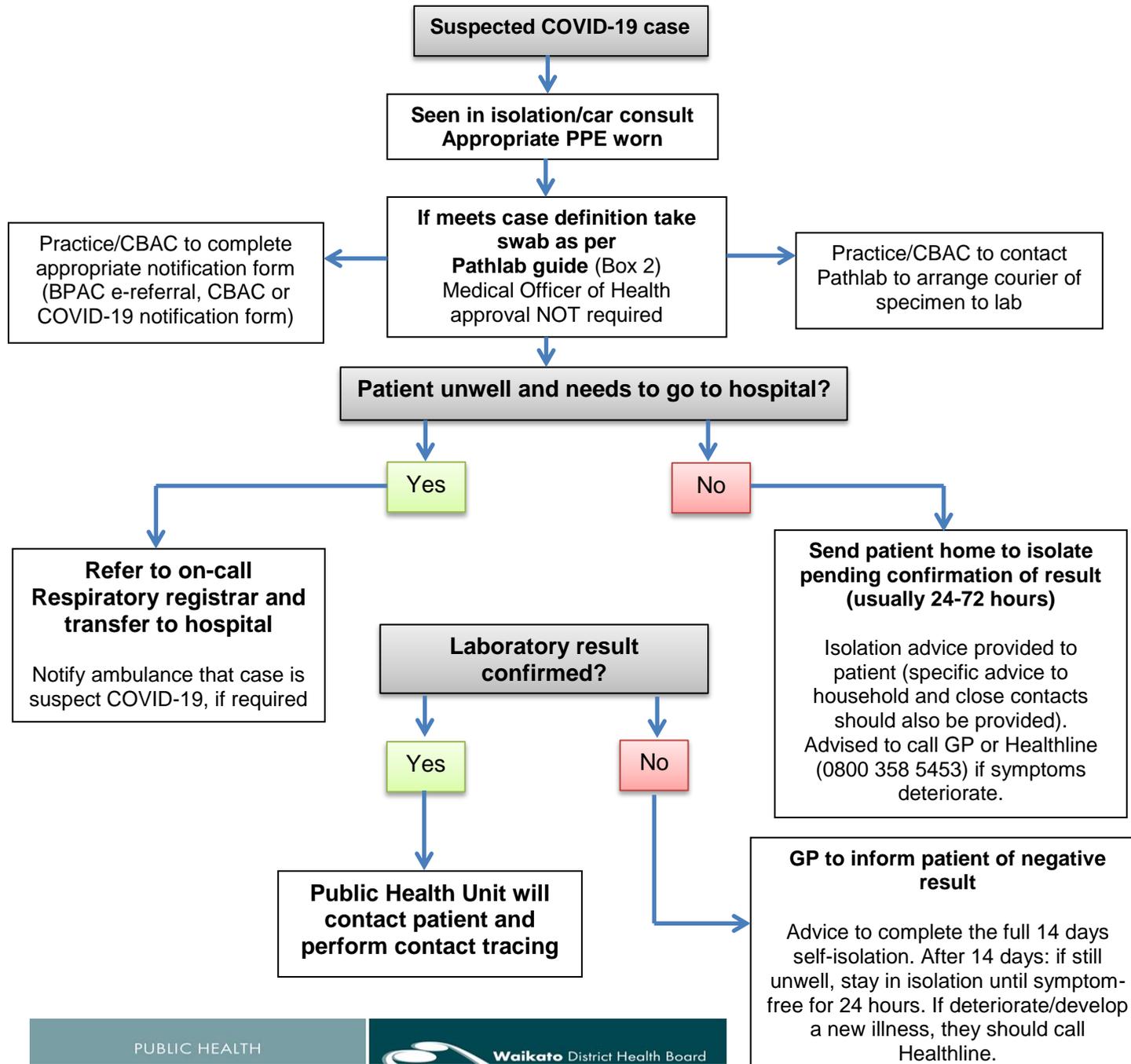


Flowchart for the Management of Suspected COVID-19 – Primary Care / CBAC



Box 1: Case definition (updated 8 April 2020)

A suspect case satisfies the following clinical criteria:

Any acute respiratory infection with at least one of the following symptoms: cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, coryza, anosmia with or without fever.

Some people may not meet the suspect case definition but may present with symptoms such as only: fever, diarrhoea, headache, myalgia, nausea/vomiting, or confusion/irritability. If there is not another likely diagnosis, and they have a link to a recent traveller, a confirmed or probable case, consider testing.

There are also groups of people that should be prioritised for testing. (Full list is available with case definition - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-resources-health-professionals/case-definition-covid-19-infection>)

Box 2: COVID-19 testing

- 1x nasopharyngeal swab (red or green flexible fine shaft) for COVID-19 testing.
- Double bag specimens and clearly label as "COVID-19 testing" on the outside
- Bag separately from other laboratory specimens

The latest updates, information and advice on COVID-19 are available at:

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