

## **Response Protocol for Suspected Patient**

### **Report**

Report on suspected patient

- report on the suspected infection case

### **Step 1. Epidemiological Investigation Form**

- Fill-out of the Form at a public health center which recognizes the case for the first time
- Classification of suspected patients by municipal epidemiological investigators

### **Step 2. Measures for Suspected Patient**

#### **○ Patient care**

- (Designated clinics): Collecting clinical specimen, and requesting and transferring to available hospital
- (Municipal epidemiological investigators): Determining how to manage patient
  - : self-quarantine, isolation at negative-pressure room or public hospital, etc.
- (First-recognizing public health center): Informing patient of transfer method before test results are found out
  - : by personal vehicle/walking/ambulance (public health center, 119)
- (First-recognizing public health center): Disinfecting transporting vehicle
- (First-recognizing public health center): Notifying Isolation/Hospital admission (by phone)
- (Patient's local public health center): Issuing the Notice of Isolation/Hospital admission

### **Step 3. Test of Suspected Patient**

- Type of Specimen: 2 (upper respiratory tract, lower respiratory tract)
- Testing Organization: medical institutions or entrusted testing agency

#### **Step 4. Measures for Confirmed Patient**

##### 1) Confirmed patient management

- (Medical institutions): Continuous treatments and management under quarantine
- (Municipalities): Checking clinical course and sharing the status of the emergency rooms

##### 2) Epidemiological Investigations and Management

- (Municipalities): Additional investigation on those in contact with the infected and follow-up on latest updates
- (Patient's local public health center): Directing those in contact with the patient to self-quarantine and conducting daily monitoring