

Follow the following steps:



**Person with one or more of:**

- New continuous cough
- Fever  $\geq 37.8$

**Patients requiring hospitalisation**

Suspect covid-19 in any seriously ill patients with influenza-like illness, ARDS\*, or pneumonia

**Remote consultation**

Aim to triage all patients online or by phone

**Patient identified in GP surgery**

**Assess whether clinically stable**

Initial data indicate that patients display symptoms with approximately these proportions of severity, with elderly people and those with underlying health problems more affected:

<b>80%</b> No or mild symptoms	<b>15%</b> Severe disease	<b>5%</b> Critically unwell
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Advise patient to contact **922**

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Inform operator that patient may have covid-19

Patients with mild symptoms should be identified at reception, and asked to return home and self isolate

Acutely unwell patients should be isolated, and assessed while using standard PPE (see bottom right)

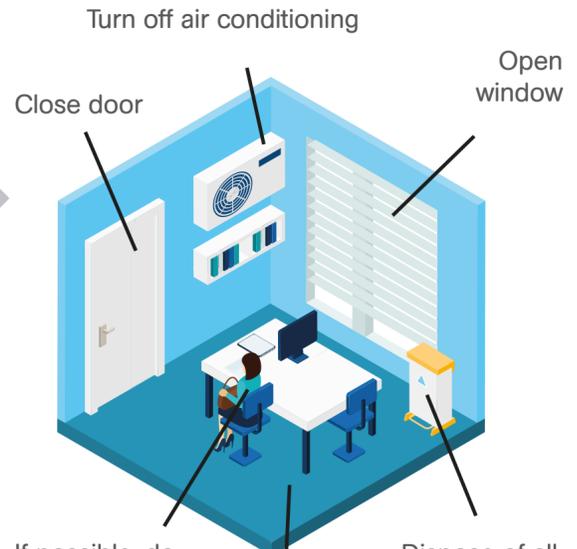
**Preparing the GP surgery in advance**

Advise patients with a cough or fever to avoid attending in person, via:

- Reception staff
- Automated phone systems
- Prominent posters
- SMS message systems
- Warning notice on online booking systems

**Isolation room**

- Located away from waiting areas and other consultation rooms
- Without carpeted floors or soft furnishing
- Close to separate toilet facility



If possible, do not enter room, reassure and update patient by telephone

Dispose of all waste in a clinical waste bag

Clean and disinfect hard surfaces and reusable care equipment after patient leaves. Cleaners should wear personal protective equipment.

**Self isolation**

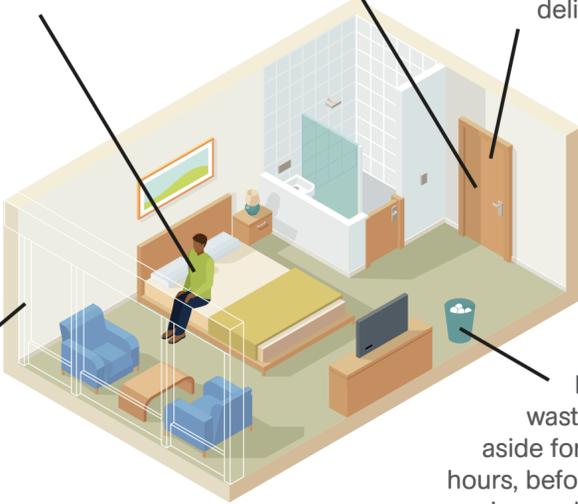
Patients do not need to contact Cimas Rescue to go into self-isolation. If symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, they should contact **922** for a medical emergency.

Anyone displaying coronavirus symptoms should stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms first appeared

Do not invite visitors

Groceries or medication should be dropped off on the doorstep by friends, family, or delivery drivers

If anyone displaying coronavirus symptoms lives with others, all asymptomatic members of the household should stay at home for 14 days



Choose a well ventilated room, and keep away from other household members not displaying symptoms

Double bag waste and put it aside for at least 72 hours, before putting it in usual household waste bin

**Personal protective equipment (PPE) in primary care**

If contact with patient is unavoidable, and for cleaning the isolation room afterwards, use standard PPE



Dispose of PPE as clinical waste after use

**Break the Chain! Stop the Spread**

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