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Updated guidance documents for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

Several guidance documents for containment of SARS have been updated and posted on the CDC website. Significant changes are: 1) revision of our "72 hour observation rule" for exposed individuals who have symptoms but do not meet the case definition, and 2) recommendation to exclude from duty healthcare workers who have unprotected high risk exposures to patients with SARS.

Interim Domestic Guidance for Management of Exposures to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) for Health-Care and Other Institutional Settings

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/exposureguidance.htm>

Interim Domestic Guidance on Persons Who May Have Been Exposed to Patients with Suspected Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/exposuremanagement.htm>

Interim Domestic Guidance for Health Departments in the Management of School Students Exposed to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/exposurestudents.htm>

Additional updates to the SARS information on the website include:

Basic Information about SARS now available in Simplified Chinese

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/chinese-simp.htm>

Travel alert to Singapore (replacing the previous travel advisory)

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/other/sarssingapore.htm>

Please periodically check the CDC website for the most current information <http://www.cdc.gov>.

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