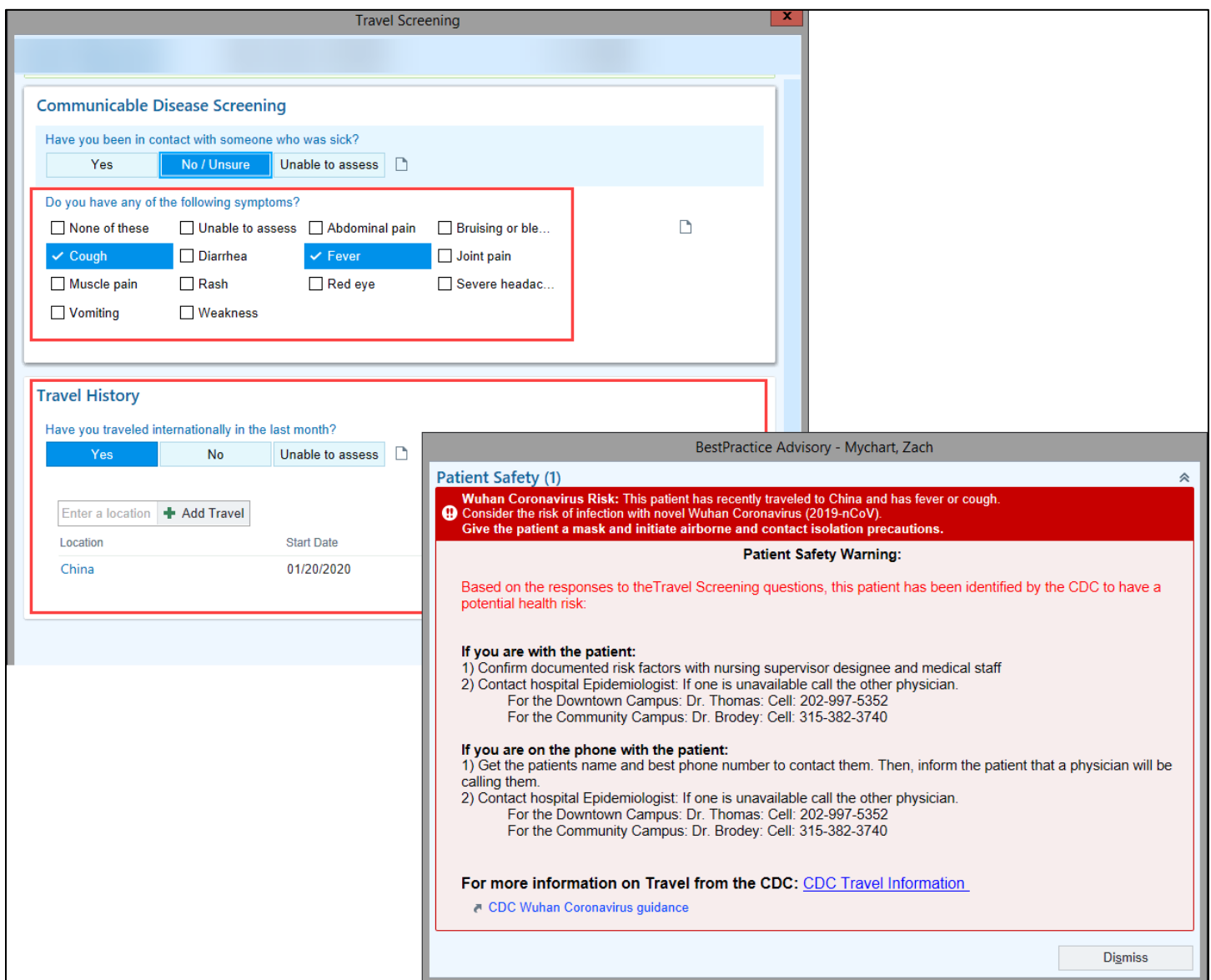


### EPIC SYSTEM UPDATE

## Overview of Feature / Changes

Due to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus, the Travel Screening section in Epic has been updated to fire a BestPractice Advisory (BPA) if a user documents patient symptoms of cough and/or fever and has traveled to China in the last 30 days. As noted in the BPA when it opens, users should contact the appropriate Infectious Disease (ID) provider based on the physical location (Upstate vs. Community).

Review the BestPractice Advisory and take necessary precautions per CDC Wuhan Coronavirus guidance. See page 2 of this bulletin for the BestPractice Advisory that will fire for travel to Japan, Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam.



The screenshot shows the 'Travel Screening' form in Epic. The 'Communicable Disease Screening' section has 'No / Unsure' selected for 'Have you been in contact with someone who was sick?' and 'Cough' and 'Fever' selected for 'Do you have any of the following symptoms?'. The 'Travel History' section has 'Yes' selected for 'Have you traveled internationally in the last month?' and shows a travel record to 'China' starting on '01/20/2020'. A 'BestPractice Advisory - Mychart, Zach' window is overlaid, displaying a 'Patient Safety (1)' warning. The warning text reads: 'Wuhan Coronavirus Risk: This patient has recently traveled to China and has fever or cough. Consider the risk of infection with novel Wuhan Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). Give the patient a mask and initiate airborne and contact isolation precautions.' It provides instructions for both 'if you are with the patient' and 'if you are on the phone with the patient', including contact information for hospital and community campus epidemiologists. A link to 'CDC Travel Information' and 'CDC Wuhan Coronavirus guidance' is provided. A 'Dismiss' button is at the bottom right.

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BestPractice Advisory for International Travel to Japan, Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam

BestPractice Advisory -

**Patient Safety (1)**

**⚠ Travel Screening - Potentially Infected Patient**

**Patient Safety Warning:**

Based on the responses to the Travel Screening questions, this patient has been identified by the CDC to have a potential health risk:

**If you are with the patient:**

- 1) Confirm documented risk factors with nursing supervisor designee and medical staff
- 2) Contact hospital Epidemiologist: If one is unavailable call the other physician.  
For the Downtown Campus: Dr. Thomas: Cell: 202-997-5352  
For the Community Campus: Dr. Brodey: Cell: 315-382-3740

**If you are on the phone with the patient:**

- 1) Get the patients name and best phone number to contact them. Then, inform the patient that a physician will be calling them.
- 2) Contact hospital Epidemiologist: If one is unavailable call the other physician.  
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**For more information on Travel from the CDC:** [CDC Travel Information](#)

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