SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) TESTING CRITERIA

UNTIL TESTING SUPPLIES AND LABORATORY CAPACITY ARE INCREASED, AMBULATORY CARE WILL FOLLOW THESE RECOMMENDATIONS

**THESE PATIENTS SHOULD BE TESTED FOR COVID-19**

Patients with fever and cough or shortness of breath who are:

- Hospitalized with severe lower respiratory illness
- Healthcare workers
- Workers in other public safety occupations (e.g. law enforcement, fire fighter, EMS)
- Involved in an illness cluster in a facility or institution (e.g. healthcare, school, corrections, homeless/shelters, other institution/congregate settings) or patients with organ failure (CHF, COPD, Cirrhosis, renal failure etc.)

**THESE PATIENTS MAY BE TESTED FOR COVID-19, AFTER DISCUSSION WITH A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER**

Patients with fever and cough or shortness of breath who are:

- Older than 60 years
- With underlying medical conditions
- Pregnant

**YOUNGER, HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS WITH MILD DISEASE DO NOT NEED TESTING**

Should stay home for 7 days, or 72 hours after symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. Asymptomatic patients do not need testing.

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| Symptoms of acute respiratory infection (i.e. fever, new cough, new shortness of breath, myalgias, etc.) | Any of the following in the last 14 days before symptom onset:  
  - Travel to affected areas  
  - Close contact with a confirmed case  
  - Spent time at skilled nursing facilities or other illness cluster | Yes |
| Requires hospitalization with symptoms of acute respiratory infection (i.e. fever, new cough, new shortness of breath, myalgias, etc.) | *Special populations: Older adults (age >60), immunocompromised individuals, pregnant women, organ failure, and homeless or people living in congregate facilities. Healthcare workers should follow the guidance of their institution for testing protocols. | Yes |

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