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/OR** new cough/shortness of breath/myalgias who are:

- Close contacts of patients with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19
- Recently returned from travel to affected geographic area
- Healthcare workers or work in other public safety occupations (e.g. law enforcement, fire fighter, EMS)
- Involved in an illness cluster or lives in a facility or institution (e.g. healthcare, school, corrections, homeless/shelters, other institution/congregate settings)

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

Patients with fever **AND/OR** new cough/shortness of breath/myalgias who have ANY of the following:

- 60 years old or older
- Serious underlying medical conditions (diabetes etc.) or chronic organ failure (CHF, COPD, Cirrhosis, renal failure etc.)
- Pregnant

**THESE PATIENTS SHOULD NOT BE TESTED UNLESS COMPELLING SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Patients who do not meet the above criteria can be presumed to have COVID infection if they have symptoms. They 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 in the last 14 days before symptom onset:  
  - Travel to affected areas  
  - Close contact with a confirmed case  
  - Spends time at skilled nursing facilities or illness cluster | Yes |
| Requires hospitalization with symptoms of acute respiratory infection (i.e. fever, new cough, new shortness of breath, myalgias, etc.) | | Yes |

*Special populations: Older adults (age >60), underlying medical conditions, immunocompromised individuals, pregnant women, organ failure and people homeless or living in congregate facilities. Healthcare workers should follow the guidance of their institution for testing protocols.