**UPDATED: SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Testing Criteria**

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<th>Clinical Features</th>
<th>SARS-CoV-2 Testing?</th>
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<td>• With aerosol-generating procedure planned within the next 3 days</td>
<td>Yes¹</td>
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<td>• With an admission to the hospital</td>
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<td>• With a requirement from an employer, for travel, or as recommended by public health or employee health for contact investigation*</td>
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<td>Any of the following NEW symptoms?</td>
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<td>Cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, gastrointestinal symptoms (such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea), headache or runny nose?</td>
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* Public Health – Seattle & King County recommends testing for household contacts and high risk exposed individuals ≥ 48 hours after the exposure, even if asymptomatic. To support public health, we can initiate testing.

If access to testing becomes limited, testing can be prioritized in the following individuals:

- **Healthcare workers** and first responders
- Person working in a critical infrastructure occupation²
- **Pregnant persons**
- Adults older than 60 years
- Persons experiencing homeless or who are unstably housed
- Persons living in a congregate setting³
- Persons with chronic lung disease (eg. COPD, asthma)
- Use of an immunosuppressive medication (eg. Prednisone, rituximab, chemotherapy)
- Persons with an immunocompromising condition (eg. Current cancer, history of transplantation (solid organ or bone marrow), diabetes, dialysis, HIV, cirrhosis, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus)
- Close contact with a confirmed case⁴
- Spent time at any skilled nursing facility

¹ SARS-CoV-2 sample collection: Nasopharyngeal swabs often generate a strong cough reflex. Standard/Contact/Droplet precautions are recommended. Please remember to collect samples from both nostrils, using the same swab. If your patient is intubated, please obtain endotracheal tube (ETT) aspirate as well if high clinical suspicion. For additional instructions, please refer to Sample Collection for COVID19 Testing on our UW Medicine COVID-19 Website. For ordering information, please review UW Laboratory Test Guide.

² Critical infrastructure occupation: E.g., grocery store, restaurant, gas station, public utilities, or transportation occupations

³ Congregate settings: e.g. skilled nursing facilities/adult family homes, correctional facilities, homeless/shelters, other institution/congregate setting, dorms, fraternities/sororities

⁴ Close contact: Approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or having unprotected direct contact with infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case

If COVID-19 is being considered, whether testing is performed or not, please provide patients with the following guidance documents so that they know how to best prevent the spread of infection to other people.

- **Patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19**
- **Patients who were exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case**
- **Unexposed patients with COVID-19 symptoms**