

Priority Level for Testing Criteria: Federal, State, and County Recommendations



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Priority Level	Federal Testing Criteria (March 2020)	State Testing Criteria (April 19, 2020)	County Testing Criteria (April 20, 2020) (Includes below recommendations PLUS federal and state recommendations)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitalized patients Healthcare facility workers with symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitalized patients Symptomatic healthcare workers Persons identified for testing by public health contact investigations and disease control activities in high risk settings, including both residents and staff (e.g., congregate living facilities, correctional facilities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents and staff (symptomatic and asymptomatic) of congregate facilities which may include long-term care facilities, homeless shelters, substance use disorder treatment facilities, and correctional facilities
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients in long-term care facilities with symptoms Patients 65 years of age and older with symptoms Patients with underlying conditions with symptoms First responders with symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening of asymptomatic residents of congregate living facilities prior to admission or re-admission to congregate living facility (e.g., a hospitalized patient will be screened for COVID-19 prior to discharge to a congregate living facility) Screening of asymptomatic healthcare workers (e.g., skilled nursing facility workers, hospital workers) Symptomatic persons in essential health and public safety occupations (e.g., first responders, law enforcement, congregate living facility workers) Symptomatic persons >65 years of age or with chronic medical conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vulnerable populations (symptomatic and asymptomatic): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People with HIV/AIDS People Experiencing Homeless Those in Rural Areas Racial/Ethnic Groups Native Americans Older Adults
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical infrastructure workers with symptoms Individuals who do not meet any of the above categories with symptoms Healthcare facility workers and first responders Individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptomatic persons in essential infrastructure occupations (e.g., utility workers, food supply workers, other public employees) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asymptomatic essential workers, including first responders and others, especially as part of an outbreak investigation or in areas with medically vulnerable patient populations
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-priority: Individuals without symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based testing of all low-risk symptomatic persons Surveillance testing of asymptomatic persons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surveillance testing of deaths not otherwise linked to COVID-19