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COVID-19 Testing and Care Information**Who should be tested for COVID-19?**

While there are no longer requirements for COVID-19 testing, currently testing is at capacity and we must prioritize testing until testing resources become more available. Healthcare providers should focus on high-priority populations. We currently have to prioritize testing for those who have or are most at-risk for developing severe illness or who live or work in a high-risk setting, like a healthcare facility.

Not everyone needs to be tested for COVID-19. Most people with mild illness do not need testing. With no medications currently available to treat COVID-19, your healthcare provider's advice for managing your symptoms at home will be the same whether results are positive or negative.

Please use these guidelines for COVID-19 testing**The following patients with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested for COVID-19:**

- Patients hospitalized with severe lower respiratory illness
- Staff that work in any setting where healthcare services are delivered (for example, clinics, hospitals, behavioral health care clinics).
- Patients in other public safety occupations (for example, law enforcement, fire fighter, EMS)
- Patients who live or work in an institutional setting (for example, corrections, long term care facility, homeless/shelters)

The following patients with COVID-19 symptoms should contact their healthcare provider and be tested for COVID-19 if their symptoms worsen or their healthcare provider recommends testing:

- Patients older than 60 years
- Patients with underlying medical conditions
- Pregnant women

Who should seek medical care for COVID-19?

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, or shortness of breath), call your healthcare provider to help decide if you should seek care.
- Do not go to the emergency room unless you are having an immediate medical emergency. Emergency rooms need to be able to serve those with the most critical needs.
- [People who receive a positive test result for COVID-19](#) should not seek medical care unless they are experiencing severe symptoms that may require hospitalization. Less severe symptoms can be treated at home.

[People who have been potentially exposed to someone](#) with COVID-19 should stay at home and avoid public places if at all possible for the next 14 days.