

Testing at IDPH (High Priority)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitalized (inpatients) with suspect COVID-19 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals with suspect COVID-19 who are residents of a congregate setting that serves a vulnerable population¹ and are part of a potential cluster of COVID-19 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatients with suspect COVID-19 who are involved in front-line COVID-19 response (Health care and public safety workers (EMS, law enforcement, firefighters)) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatients with suspect COVID-19 who are employees in residential congregate settings serving vulnerable populations |

Note: 1) *Testing for other viruses is not required prior to ordering COVID-19 testing via IDPH*
 2) *IDPH or LHD approval is not necessary for COVID-19 testing at commercial, hospital, or academic laboratories.*

Definitions for SUSPECT COVID-19 by Setting

| Setting | Suspect COVID-19 Illness Definition |
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| Hospitalized patients | Severe respiratory illness (e.g. pneumonia or ARDS) of unclear etiology after initial evaluation. |
| Health care and public safety workers | Fever (≥ 100.4 F/38 C) AND new onset respiratory symptom(s) (e.g. cough, or SOB, or sore throat) that cannot be attributed to an underlying or previously recognized condition |
| Staff in residential congregate care settings | |
| Residents in congregate care settings that serve vulnerable populations that are part of a cluster in that setting | <p>Fever ≥ 100.0 F/37.8C OR cough OR shortness of breath OR sore throat that cannot be attributed to an underlying or previously recognized condition</p> <p>Cluster: 2 or more suspect or lab confirmed COVID illnesses occurring among residents within a 7-day period. If suspect cases test negative for COVID-19 and either have an alternative diagnosis or do not have progressive respiratory illness, they are no longer considered to have suspect COVID-19 illness.</p> |

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- ¹ Congregate setting that serves vulnerable populations: e.g. a skilled nursing facility, an assisted living facility, group home, homeless shelter, or correctional setting. Positive results may be due to past or present infection with non-SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus species, such as coronavirus HKU1, NL63, OC43, or 229E.