



Priorities for Testing Patients with Suspected COVID-19 Infections

COVID-19 Symptoms: Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Loss of Taste or Smell, Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Body Aches or Pains, Discolored Toes (blue/purplish) swollen and painful to touch

PRIORITY 1

Ensures optimal care for all hospitalized patients, lessen the risk of healthcare-associated infections, and maintain the integrity of the U.S. healthcare system

- Hospitalized Patients
- Healthcare facility workers with symptoms

Priority 2

Ensures those at highest risk of complications of infection are rapidly identified and appropriately triaged

- 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

Priority 3

As resources allow, test individuals in the surrounding community of rapidly increasing hospital cases to decrease community spread, and ensure health of essential workers

- Critical infrastructure workers with symptoms
- Individuals who do not meet any of the above categories with symptoms
- Healthcare facility worker, first responders, essential business employees(grocery or retail)
- Individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations