# Priorities for Testing Patients

## COVID-19 Symptoms: Fever, Cough, and Shortness of Breath

1. **Ensure optimal care options 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

2. **Ensures those at highest risk of complication of infection are rapidly identified and appropriately triaged**
   - Patients in congregate living facilities with symptoms
   - Patients over age 65 years with symptoms
   - Patients with underlying conditions with symptoms
   - First responders with symptoms

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
   - Asymptomatic healthcare facility workers and first responders
   - Individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations

4. **Critical infrastructure workers whether they have symptoms or not

5. **Community testing sites offer testing to anyone without an advance order and without charging an out-of-pocket cost to any Michigander.**

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