



## PRIORITIES FOR TESTING PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED COVID-19 INFECTION

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

#### PRIORITY 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

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#### PRIORITY 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

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

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#### PRIORITY 4

- Critical infrastructure workers whether they have symptoms or not

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