

EPIDEMIOLOGIC OR OCCUPATIONAL RISK ¹		CLINICAL FEATURES ²
<p>CATEGORY 1</p> <p>Healthcare providers and EMTs who have worked in direct clinical care while symptomatic</p>	AND	<p>Fever or signs/symptoms of respiratory illness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • even mild signs and symptoms (e.g., sore throat) of COVID-19 should be evaluated among potentially exposed healthcare personnel. • Influenza should be ruled out prior to testing for COVID-19
<p>CATEGORY 2</p> <p>Close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases who were present in congregate settings (example: school) while symptomatic AND who had close contact with numerous others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being in a public setting while symptomatic but without prolonged close contact to others does NOT meet this criteria 	AND	<p>Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenza should be ruled out prior to testing for COVID-19
<p>CATEGORY 3</p> <p>Hospitalized patients with fever and severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanation (negative results on a respiratory viral panel, other infectious disease testing as appropriate). A compatible exposure history (travel or contact with a confirmed case) is not required.</p>		<p>Clinical features that may increase suspicion of COVID-19 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • infiltrative process on chest x-ray (e.g., bilateral infiltrates consistent with viral pneumonitis). • bilateral ground-glass opacities on chest CT • unexplained lymphocytopenia or thrombocytopenia
<p>CATEGORY 4</p> <p>Clusters of acute respiratory illness in congregate settings (e.g., Long-term care facilities, shelters, prisons)</p>		<p>3 or more individuals with fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, pneumonia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimally, influenza should be ruled out prior to testing for COVID-19 • Negative results from a respiratory viral panel are preferred
<p>CATEGORY 5</p> <p>Close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases who were NOT present in congregate settings (example: school) while symptomatic AND close contacts are largely restricted to household members</p>	AND	<p>Fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, pneumonia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimally, influenza should be ruled out prior to testing for COVID-19 • Negative results from a respiratory viral panel are preferred
<p>CATEGORY 6</p> <p>People with a history of travel from an international geographic area designated for Level 3 travel restrictions within 14 days of symptom onset. For current locations: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices</p>		<p>Fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, pneumonia) AND hospitalization not required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimally, influenza should be ruled out prior to testing for COVID-19 • Negative results from a respiratory viral panel are preferred

PATIENTS IN CATEGORIES 7 AND 8 SHOULD BE TESTED THROUGH COMMERCIAL LABORATORIES AND SPECIMENS SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

<p>CATEGORY 7</p> <p>People with a history of travel from an international geographic area designated for Level 3 travel restrictions OR to a location within the United States that has known community transmission within 14 days of symptom onset</p> <p>For current locations with Level 3 travel restrictions: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices</p>		<p>Fever OR mild to moderate respiratory illness NOT meeting the criteria listed above</p>
<p>Locations within the United States with known community transmission as of March 12, 2020 include: Seattle/King County Washington, Westchester County, New York, and Solano County, California</p>		
<p>CATEGORY 8</p> <p>Other symptomatic individuals for whom knowledge of COVID-19 infection is medically indicated including older individuals and those with co-morbidities</p>		<p>Fever OR mild to moderate respiratory illness</p>

¹ Close contact is defined as:

- a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case
- or –
- b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection).

²Fever may be subjective or confirmed