

## Testing Criteria 3/11/2020

**Specimens for COVID-19 will only be tested if they meet one of the three criteria below**

Criteria	Clinical Features		Epidemiological Risk
1	Any person, including health care workers, who has had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset	AND	Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)
2	Any person with a history of travel to areas with ongoing community transmission <sup>1</sup> within 14 days of symptom onset	AND	Fever or signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)
3	Any person who is hospitalized	AND	Fever or signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)
4	Any person who lives in a residential facility such as a nursing home	AND	Fever or signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)
5	Any healthcare worker, clinical laboratory worker, or first responder who has new onset of symptoms within 14 days of having direct contact with patients with signs/symptoms of respiratory illness or their clinical specimens	AND	Fever or signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)
6	Any person who is at risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 including older adults (age ≥ 65 years) and individuals with chronic medical conditions and/or an immunocompromised state that may put them at higher risk for poor outcomes (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, receiving immunosuppressive medications, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease)	AND	Fever or signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza)
7	Outbreaks or clusters of respiratory illness - any person who is a member of a group with multiple symptomatic individuals that is being investigated by public health officials	AND	Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)

<sup>1</sup> A community (International, United States, and within Colorado once identified) with multiple unrelated cases among individuals who have not traveled to other communities with known transmission