



## Who needs COVID-19 testing?

### Symptomatic Out-Patients

1. Health care workers and staff working in health care facilities
2. Resident and staff in long term care facilities, retirement homes, residential housing and group homes, jails, shelters and homeless
3. Members of remote, isolated, rural and/or indigenous communities
4. Patients with co-morbidities putting them at risk for complications of COVID-19 or influenza

### Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

Fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, loss of smell or taste, headache, muscle aches, nausea, diarrhea.

### Outbreaks and patients in self-isolation:

Admitted Patients from other healthcare facilities units/areas that are in **COVID-19 outbreak or those in home self-isolation** must be placed in **Droplet Contact Precautions for 14 days** since last exposure or until discharge.

## What do we do?

### Registration Clerk

1. No personal protection equipment (PPE) if 2m spatial distance or separation by barrier, otherwise Droplet Contact PPE
2. Screen patient for travel history and symptoms
3. Instruct patient and accompanying household members to clean hands with alcohol based hand rub and if symptoms to put on a surgical/surgical/procedure mask
4. Notify the Charge Nurse/Designate for Patient with travel history and symptoms

### UCC Charge Nurse/Designate

1. Put patient in **private** room with Droplet/contact (#PD7218) sign on door.
2. Use Droplet Contact Precautions (surgical/procedure mask, gloves, gown, surgical/procedure and eye protection) for routine patient care.
3. When aerosol generating medical procedure (AGMP) is planned or anticipated, use AGMP Droplet/Contact plus N95 precautions (N95 respirator, gloves, gown, and eye protection).

### UCC MD/Designate

1. Assess and test Patient if they meet case definition.
2. If patient is well and can be discharged home, give them a surgical/procedure mask and provide PHO handouts:
  - a. [How to self-Isolate](#)
  - b. [Self-Isolation Caregivers](#)

### If Laboratory testing is required:

Refer to Important [Update to COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing](#)

1. For ambulatory patients, collect one **nasopharyngeal swab** (NPS)
2. Order test code **COVID19**. Refer to Update
3. If clinically required for full respiratory assessment including COVID-19, Order test code: **CVIRNPS**. Refer to Update
4. **Only one COVID test for NPS sample should be ordered based on update, never both**
5. Put samples in Laboratory specimen transport carrier for transport to the Laboratory