

### IF YOU ARE A PROVIDER WANTING TO TEST A PATIENT

For testing through the PA Department of Health (DOH), consultation with the DOH **IS REQUIRED**. Call us at 1-877-PA-HEALTH for a consultation and advise the patient to stay home. Call for consultation if:

- The patient is a contact of a confirmed case and is sick;
- The patient resides in a congregate care setting and is sick\*;
- The patient is a healthcare worker and is sick;
- The patient is hospitalized with relevant symptoms and has no alternative diagnosis.

For testing through a commercial laboratory, consultation with the PA Department of Health is **NOT REQUIRED**, and you can test through a commercial laboratory if:

- The patient does not meet the above criteria, but is symptomatic;
- The patient does not meet the above criteria, is asymptomatic, but wants to be tested.

\*If the DOH or local health department has determined that COVID-19 is already present in a congregate care setting, additional testing of ill residents should be performed through a commercial laboratory.

### IF YOU ARE A PATIENT WHO WANTS TO BE TESTED

Stay home if:

- You are feeling mostly fine
- You are worried

Stay home and call your doctor for advice if:

- You are feeling sick, but would not have sought care under normal circumstances

Call your doctor or seek medical care if:

- You feel sick and believe you have an emergency
- If you do not have a provider call your local health department or 1-877-PA-HEALTH. If you still need help, call your local emergency department.

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

In combination, symptoms of the COVID-19 virus include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea

The symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. Reported illnesses have ranged from people with little to no symptoms to people being severely ill and dying.

### PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- **Wash** hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- **Cover** any coughs or sneezes with your elbow, do not use your hands!
- **Clean** surfaces frequently, such as countertops, light switches, cell phones and other frequently touched areas.
- **Contain**- if you are sick, stay home until you are feeling betterResources for more information

For more information, visit <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

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