



TESTING POLICY

Please be mindful that patients are required to meet specific qualifications in order to receive a Coronavirus (COVID-19) test. For individuals who are tested, these tests do not act similarly to flu and strep tests, as they are not readily available or rapid.

Priority patient testing for COVID-19 are those with fever >100.4 F and acute respiratory illness who also meet the following criteria:

- **Hospitalized patients with signs/symptoms compatible with COVID-19.**
- **Symptomatic healthcare personnel, especially with a history of travel to an affected country or known contact with a suspected or confirmed case in the last 14 days.**
- **Other symptomatic individuals who are at higher risk for poor outcomes. (Older adults/underlying conditions)**

Please do not arrive at our emergency department or clinics asking to be tested. Please call our COVID-19 Hotline (662-293-1144) to discuss your symptoms/concerns and get recommendations on what to do next.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.