



Health Update

April 15, 2020

COVID-19 Testing Criteria

The Fresno County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) is dedicated to helping our medical providers and clinics in increasing our testing capacity and decreasing turnaround times for COVID-19 infection.

- If you want to schedule a testing using our drive-through site at the FCDPH, we can help arrange an appointment for your patient. Call (559) 600-3332 and choose OPTION 2
- If you need help in setting up a drive-up swab site at your clinic location, technical assistance is available. Please email rvohra@fresnocountyca.gov
- If you have a febrile or respiratory illness patient, remember to submit a Febrile Respiratory Illness form and give patients a packet to self-isolate. The documents (in English and Spanish) are located here:
 - o <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=43152>
 - o <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=43154>
- Please use the following criteria as you select and screen patients to test. This information may change, and clinical discretion may warrant testing some patients outside of these criteria.

PRIORITY 1:

Ensure optimal care options for all hospitalized patients, lessen the risk of nosocomial infections, and maintain the integrity of the healthcare system

Fever* OR sore throat OR cough OR shortness of breath for ≥ 24 hours:

All HCW, social workers with direct patient contact
EMS workers
Non-EMS First Responders (Firefighters, police officers, correctional facility employees)
Residence or Work in a SNF, Residential Care Facility, Long Term Care Facility, Group Home, Assisted Living, shelters or other congregate living space, or Hospice patients
Mother/father/partner/surrogate/foster parent/custodian of children <6 month of age
Dialysis patients

Categories of Health Alert Messages:

- Health Alert:** Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention
- Health Advisory:** Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action
- Health Update:** Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action
- Health Information:** Provides general health information which is not considered to be of emergent nature

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PRIORITY 2:

Ensure that those who are at highest risk of complication of infection are rapidly identified and appropriately triaged

Fever* AND (cough OR SOB OR myalgia) for \geq 24 hours:

Any of the following:

- Over age 60
- Diabetes
- Asthma, COPD, or any chronic lung disease requiring oxygen
- Heart disease (CAD, CHF)
- Chronic liver disease
- Obesity, BMI \geq 35
- Immunocompromised status (HIV, chemotherapy, transplant, chronic steroids, immunotherapy)
- Pregnant > 24 gestation

PRIORITY 3:

As resources allow, test individuals in the surrounding community of rapidly increasing hospital cases to decrease community spread, and ensure health of essential workers

- Critical infrastructure workers with symptoms as in priority 2 (Bus driver, flight attendant, schoolteachers/daycare teachers, postal workers etc)
- Individuals who do not meet any of the above categories with symptoms
- Individuals with mild symptoms (as in priority 1) in communities experiencing high COVID-19 hospitalizations

PRIORITY 4:

Individuals without symptoms

- Surveillance, outbreak setting in facility, isolated contacts, preoperative clearance, work clearance

**Fever: subjective=tactile, rigors/chills, night sweats are all included or objective $T=100.4$ F*