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Screening Template for COVID-19 Testing at the OSDH Public Health Laboratory

Symptoms

- Does the patient have a fever above 100.4 and symptoms of acute respiratory illness? (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing)
 - Yes
 - No

Risk Factors

- Hospitalized patients who have signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses have been ruled-out in order to inform decisions related to infection control.
 - Other symptomatic individuals at higher risk for poor outcomes, including those who are ≥ 65 years, immunocompromised or have chronic medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, receiving immunosuppressive medications, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease).
 - Suspected outbreak of COVID-19 among associated individuals with recent onset of similar fever and lower respiratory symptoms. Please, contact the OSDH Acute Disease Service at (405) 271-4060 to report suspected outbreaks.
 - Suspect COVID-19 in a patient associated with a high-risk exposure setting such as a long-term care facility.
 - Patients, including healthcare personnel, who within 14 days of symptom onset had close contact with a suspect or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient.
- **Specimens for patients who do not meet the Symptom criteria AND at least one of the Risk Factor criteria above for testing will not be tested at the OSDH Public Health Laboratory. Clinicians should seek testing at a reference laboratory.**
 - Clinicians are strongly encouraged to test for other causes of respiratory illness (e.g., influenza).
 - Mildly ill (low grade fever, aches and pains, and dry cough) patients should be encouraged to stay home and contact their healthcare provider by phone for guidance about clinical management.

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