COVID-19 Testing Algorithm for Pediatric and Adult Ambulatory Clinics

Testing algorithm based current COVID-19 testing availability. Use clinical judgement.

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Ask Patient

- Do you have new onset of any **TWO** of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, muscle aches, diarrhea or headache?
  - OR -
- Do you have **ONE** of the above symptoms **AND** exposure to a person confirmed to have COVID-19, live in a long term care facility (e.g., nursing home, skilled nursing facility, assisted living, rehabilitation unit), referred from a correctional facility or are a resident of a homeless shelter?
  - OR -
- Do you have new, unexplained loss of taste or smell?

**YES** to any of questions → Patient Requires ED Medical Care

**NO** to all of the questions → Determine if the patient requires medical care in the ED versus management of symptoms at home

If the patient is a Johns Hopkins health care employee, see Occupational Health COVID-19 Algorithm for Employees Calling with Concerns about COVID-19.

PATIENTS OF ALL AGES

- COVID-19 testing is indicated. Place a COVID-19 order in Epic for a symptomatic patient (patient under investigation [PUI]).
- Instruct patient to home isolate until symptoms resolve.

NOTE: For healthcare employees, return to work should be coordinated with their occupational health