## 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?**
  - documented or reported fever or chills;
  - acute onset cough;
  - sore throat;
  - runny nose or congestion;
  - headache;
  - new shortness of breath;
  - myalgia or new significant fatigue;
  - new diarrhea or vomiting

  **- 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

Determine if the patient requires medical care in the ED versus management of symptoms at home

### Patient Requires ED Medical Care

- If patient can safely drive or be driven, instruct them to drive to the closest JHM affiliated ED for testing. PCP is encouraged to call ED prior to patient arrival.
- If the patient cannot safely drive themselves, instruct them to call 911 and to inform the operator of their symptoms.

### Safe Management of Symptoms at Home

### PATIENTS OF ALL AGES

- COVID-19 testing is indicated. Place a COVID-19 order in Epic for a symptomatic patient (patient under investigation [PUI]).

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