Patient Testing Criteria for COVID-19

• Patients exhibit signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19
  o Fever (subjective or confirmed), and/or
  o Symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing).

Symptomatic individuals at risk for severe disease who need testing:*

• Older adults (age ≥ 65 years);
• Individuals with chronic medical conditions and/or an immunocompromised state;
• Healthcare personnel, who within 14 days of symptom onset had close contact with a suspect or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient.
• Close contact is defined as—
  o Being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case
  — or —
  o Having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on).
    ▪ If such contact occurs while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., gowns, gloves, mask, eye protection), the criteria for Person Under Investigation consideration are met.

*If providers need additional for support with clinical decision making call COVID Hotline, through PAS

Referring a Patient for Testing:

• Provider calls Urgent Care – 847-1170, opt 3. Admin. Staff will direct call to Charge Nurse for scheduling.
  o UC Charge Nurse confirms CDC/ID criteria are met for testing. If criteria not met scheduling will not be done.
  o Charge Nurse will determine if patient is scheduled at UC Curb-side or Fairgrounds Mobile site for specimen collection.
• Provider places order from COVID-19 in Epic. Non-Epic users fax the VDH requisition to Lab Customer Service at 802 847-5905 to place order.
• Provider/clinic staff calls patient to confirm plan with instructions for arriving for testing at UC or CV Fairgrounds. Instruct patients: stay in car with windows closed, no pets, bring photo ID.
• Test results will be reported to Provider office for follow with patients
• Collection site completes VDH Requisition – available through Epic link or on intranet site.

NOTE - Provider no longer needs to calls VDH – the requisition has been updated to include the pertinent questions. Providers can however call if they have any questions. VDH - 863-7240

*When testing capacity is reached at testing sites patients will be referred for the following day.