Interim guidance to Providers from the Austin Public Health Authority for considerations of COVID-19 testing as of 03/11/20

**HIGH PRIORITY**
- Sick & hospitalized with no alternative diagnosis
- Age > 60 in long term care facility
- Healthcare workers with fever respiratory symptoms and known exposure
- Age > 60 with comorbid medical conditions

**MEDIUM PRIORITY**
- Healthcare workers with fever or lower respiratory symptoms without known exposure
- Any symptomatic individual living in an institutional setting (i.e. jail, psychiatric facility, university)
- Individual < 60 with known exposure risk and mild symptoms

**LOW PRIORITY**
- Individual < 60 with mild symptoms and no known exposure risk

Contact APH 512-972-5555

STATE APPROVES COVID-19 TESTING

May contact private labs such as Quest or LabCorp. If concerned, patient should be instructed to go into 14-day quarantine. APH case managers can provide assistance with basic needs such as food.

**Instructions for testing will be provided by APH Epi**

Sick
- Admit patient to the hospital. If transportation is required, call 9-1-1 for an infectious disease capable transport by ATCEMS.

Not Sick
- Patient may be discharged home with plan for sample collection coordinated with APH. The patient must go into 14-day quarantine. APH case managers can provide assistance with basic needs such as food.

APH will notify ordering provider of results

**PLEASE do not contact or instruct patients to contact 3-1-1 for testing.** They can only provide general information. APH Epidemiologists are required to be the liaison to the state for testing coordination.

Test guidance: go to austintexas.gov/covid19 or check the CDC website [here](http://austintexas.gov/covid19).