

Arizona State Public Health Laboratory Testing Matrix

Healthcare providers caring for a patient with fever and/or acute respiratory symptoms should:

- Consider ordering a respiratory viral panel to potentially identify other treatable diagnoses.
- Determine if the patient meets criteria outlined below:

Criteria to Guide Evaluation of Persons Under Investigation (PUI)

Clinical Features	Plus	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever ¹ OR signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) NOT requiring hospitalization	AND	Any person, including healthcare workers ² , who has had close contact³ with a laboratory-confirmed⁴ COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever ¹ OR signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) NOT requiring hospitalization in a person with a critical infrastructure occupation* OR who lives in a congregate setting† OR a child in foster care	AND	No source of exposure has been identified
Fever ¹ AND severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization, radiographic confirmation of pneumonia of unknown etiology	AND	No source of exposure has been identified

¹Fever may be subjective or confirmed.

²For healthcare personnel, testing may be considered if there has been exposure to a person with suspected COVID-19 without laboratory confirmation.

³Close contact is defined at the CDC website: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html).

⁴Documentation of laboratory-confirmation of 2019-nCoV may not be possible for travelers or persons caring for patients in other countries.

*Critical infrastructure sectors include: Energy, Water Systems, Healthcare, First Responders including Department of Child Safety, Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste.

†Jail/prison, long-term care facility or nursing home, university, or other similar setting.

For all patients who meet COVID-19 PUI criteria:

- 1) Healthcare personnel entering the room should **use droplet, contact, and standard precautions, plus eye protection** (e.g., goggles or a face shield) and **patients can be evaluated in a private room** with the door closed (unless performing aerosol-generating procedures, which should be performed in an AIIR);
- 2) Immediately **notify your healthcare facility’s infection control personnel**;
- 3) Immediately **call the Arizona COVID-19 Hotline (1-844-542-8201)**;
- 4) **Collect Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab or nasal wash for testing** for COVID-19.

