## Partners HealthCare COVID-19 Testing Criteria in Setting of Limited Capacity

**This guidance represents a balance between identifying clinical and operational needs for testing and our current capacity for testing.**

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***Option 1 Asymptomatic screening:***

1. Partners HealthCare worker requiring return to work clearance per Occupational Health Services
2. Organ Donor (Donations for New England organ bank requiring testing)
3. Patients presenting in extremis and no history able to be obtained
4. Retest patients with indeterminate/inconclusive COVID-19 result
5. Patients undergoing urgent airway surgery within the next 48-hours that cannot be deferred
6. Patients requiring urgent transplants within the next 48-hours (solid or liquid)
7. COVID-19 inpatients who meet Partners criteria for resolution of infection status

**Option 2 Symptomatic testing:**

At least ***one*** of the following, potentially attributable to a respiratory viral illness:

1. Fever, subjective or documented
2. New sore throat
3. New cough
4. New runny nose or nasal congestion
5. New shortness of breath
6. Muscle aches
7. New anosmia

And at least ***one*** of the following (this is a prioritized list based on capacity):

1. Inpatients
2. All emergency department patients, regardless of need for admission
3. Emergency department or Respiratory Illness Clinic (RIC) high risk\* patients not requiring admission
4. Partners HealthCare employee who is required to work at a clinical site
5. Patient cared for by symptomatic Partners HealthCare worker with confirmed COVID-19
6. Household contacts of a Partners HealthCare employee who is required to work at a clinical site
7. Retest patients with indeterminate/inconclusive COVID-19 result
8. Homeless individuals regardless of whether or not they are part of a cluster or had contact with a confirmed case
9. Patients receiving dialysis

  \*High Risk is defined: Age >70

1. Age ≥70
2. Severe chronic lung disease (e.g. asthma, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, COPD, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, Cerebral Palsy with recurrent pneumonia, trach dependency, etc.)
3. Severe heart disease (including congenital heart disease)
4. CD4 count <200
5. On immunocompromising medications (e.g. prednisone >20mg/d, chemotherapy, mycophenolate, cyclosporine, azathioprine, tacrolimus, TNF inhibitors, monoclonal antibodies, etc.)
6. Long- term care facility or group home setting