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McHenry County Department of Health

Memo

To: McHenry County Healthcare Providers

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Date: March 11, 2020

Re: **IDPH Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidelines**

With increased demand for COVID-19 testing, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has issued updated guidance for patients who will be tested at state laboratories.

Only patients who meet the following high priority indications qualify for testing at IDPH laboratories:

- Contacts (medium and high risk) to a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case who have clinically compatible illness
- Travelers to affected areas (CDC Level 2 and 3 travel warnings) who have clinically compatible illness
- Hospitalized patients with unexplained pneumonia and physician suspicion of SARS Co-V-2 infection
- Individuals from congregate living settings or health care facilities with clusters of respiratory illness not due to influenza and suspected to be due to SARS-Co-V-2
- Patients with higher risk from complications for whom rapid turnaround time will impact clinical care/outcomes
- Other situations of concern as determined in consultation with McHenry County Department of Health at 815-334-4500

MCDH is not providing medical evaluations for testing. We are encouraging the public that if they are sick they should call their primary care provider to be evaluated for testing.



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