

**UW Medicine SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Testing Criteria for Patients**  
**(for frontline staff, see separate Frontline Staff document)**

Clinical Features	High Risk Factors	SARS-CoV-2 Testing?
Asymptomatic		No
Any of the following symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (<math>T \geq 101^{\circ}\text{F}</math> or <math>38.3^{\circ}\text{C}</math>)</li> <li>• New cough</li> <li>• New shortness of breath</li> </ul> <b>And does NOT require hospitalization</b>  <b>*Consider testing SPECIAL POPULATIONS listed below</b>	None	No
Any of the following symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (<math>T \geq 101^{\circ}\text{F}</math> or <math>38.3^{\circ}\text{C}</math>)</li> <li>• New cough</li> <li>• New shortness of breath</li> </ul> <b>+</b>	Any of the following in the last 14 days before symptom onset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel to affected areas<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Has spent time at Life Care Center in Kirkland</li> </ul>	Yes <sup>3</sup>
Lower respiratory tract infection <b>requiring hospitalization</b>		Yes <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> **UW Medicine Current Outbreak List:** Please refer to the [UW Medicine Website](#).

<sup>2</sup> **Close contact:** Approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on)

<sup>3</sup> **SARS-CoV-2 sample collection:** Nasopharyngeal swabs often generate a strong cough reflex. Standard/Contact/Droplet precautions are recommended. For additional instructions, please refer to the [UW Laboratory Test Guide](#)

**\*Special Populations:** SCCA, solid organ transplant, on other immunosuppressive therapy, pregnancy, people living with immunocompromised patients, people living homeless and in congregant facilities (e.g., shelters, jail, SNF, prison, adult family home)