TESTING CRITERIA as of 4/1/2020 at 5:00 p.m.

FIGURE: Updated DPHS Recommendations for Testing for COVID-19 in **Symptomatic** Patients Presenting with **Fever** or **Respiratory Illness Regardless of Risk Factors**

- **Test, because these individuals may fuel community COVID-19 transmission or pose a risk to vulnerable populations.**
  - YES

- **Test, because diagnosis of COVID-19 may affect patient management and informs use of limited airborne infections, isolation, and PPE supplies.**
  - YES
  - NO

**High-risk is defined as:**
- Age ≥ 70
- Severe chronic lung disease (e.g. asthma, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, COPD, etc.)
- Severe heart disease
- CD4 count <200
- On immunocompromising medications (e.g. prednisone >20mg/d, chemotherapy, mycophenolate, cyclosporine, tacrolimus, TNF inhibitors, monoclonal antibodies, etc.)
- Dialysis
- Long term care facility or group home setting
- Homeless

**Do any of the following criteria apply?**
- The individual:
  - is a healthcare provider
  - exposed others in a healthcare or long-term care setting
  - had contact to large numbers of people who may need public health intervention
  - **YES** or **NO**

- **Hospitalized with fever or respiratory illness**
  - YES
  - NO

- **High Risk Patient seen in Respiratory Illness Clinic (RIC), not requiring admission**
  - Indeterminate/inconclusive COVID-19 results
  - Symptomatic pregnant woman at >=36 weeks gestation
  - Testing required prior to transfer to post-acute facility
  - **YES** or **NO**

**Decision to test should be based on person’s signs/symptoms, patient vulnerability (e.g. comorbidities, advanced age), risk of exposing others, and ability to self-isolate.** Patients with mild illness, who are not in need of medical care, can self-isolate at home and monitor for symptom progression. Consider testing if symptoms worsen. **Patients who are not tested but asked to self-isolate should remain home until:**
- At least 7 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared,* AND
- At least 72 hours (3 days) have passed *since recovery* – which is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms.

**Abbreviations:** COVID-19: Coronavirus Disease 2019; DPHS: Division of Public Health Services; LRTI: lower respiratory tract illness; NH: New Hampshire; PPE: personal protective equipment

1. **Fever in absence of a clear source of infection**
2. **Additional criteria as per Partners Healthcare recommendations**