

March 10, 2020

COVID-2019 Updated Testing Guidance

Actions Requested

- Follow the WA State Department of Health (DOH) COVID-19 Testing Information for Healthcare Providers (3/7/2020) <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Interim-2019NovelCoronavirusQuicksheetProviders.pdf>
 - There are currently no restrictions on who can be tested for COVID-19 and commercial testing is becoming widely available. DOH reported on 3/9/2020 that LabCorps is now able to do testing.
 - Healthcare providers may test any patient with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath).
 - The following patients with COVID-19 symptoms are considered at **highest priority for testing**:
 - Healthcare workers
 - Patients in other public safety occupations (e.g., law enforcement, fire fighter, EMS)
 - Patients involved in an illness cluster in a facility or institution (e.g., healthcare, school, corrections, shelters)
 - Patients with severe lower respiratory illness (hospitalized or fatal)
 - Patients with worsening symptoms
 - Patients older than 60 years
 - Patients with underlying medical conditions
 - Pregnant women
- Commercial testing is available at the University of Washington and LabCorps.
- KPHD Disease investigators are conducting case investigations for positive cases only. We will notify close contacts identified by positive cases of their exposure.
- Sign up to receive Kitsap Public Health District general COVID-19 updates by email or text at <https://kitsappublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/CoronaVirus.php>
- **Questions? Please contact our Communicable Disease staff at 360-728-2235**

Background

2 Kitsap County residents have tested positive for COVID-19 as of 11am Tuesday March 10, 2020.