

### NM Dept. of Health SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Testing Criteria

Clinical Features	Risk Factors?	Testing
Asymptomatic	Not Applicable	None
Symptoms of acute respiratory infection (such as fever, new cough, new shortness of breath)  <b>And does NOT require hospitalization</b>	None	Defer to clinical judgement
Symptoms of acute respiratory infection (such as fever, new cough, new shortness of breath)	Persons who are 65 years and older, immunocompromised, pregnant, homeless, living in congregant facilities, or have chronic disease*	Yes <sup>3</sup>
Symptoms of acute respiratory infection (such as fever, new cough, new shortness of breath)	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> </ul>	Yes <sup>3</sup>

\***Special Populations: Older adults (age ≥ 65 years), immunocompromised individuals** (e.g., cancer, solid organ transplant, other immunosuppressive drugs, chronic lung disease, hemodialysis, advanced HIV), **pregnant women**, and **people with a history of living homeless or in congregant facilities** (such as dorms, fraternities, sororities, shelters, jail, prison, skilled nursing facilities, adult family homes).

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<sup>1</sup> CDC Level 3 Travel Advisories: Europe, China, South Korea, and Iran. U.S community transmission – California, Chicago, New York City Area, and Seattle Area. Affected areas are defined as geographic regions where sustained community transmission has been identified.

<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. Please remember to collect samples from both nostrils, using the same swab. Use only synthetic fiber swabs with plastic shafts. Do not use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden shafts. Place swabs immediately into sterile tube containing 2-3 ml of viral transport media. Refrigerate specimen at 2-8° C and ship overnight.