COVID-19 Testing Criteria March 27, 1700

To suspect COVID 19 for purposes of testing, patient must have at least one of the following and no clear alternative diagnosis:

- Fever > 100°F
- New onset or worsening shortness of breath in the last 48 hours
- New onset or worsening severe cough in the last 48 hours

To qualify for testing, patient must meet the above AND fall into one of the following groups:

- Being hospitalized with severe lower respiratory illness
- An essential healthcare worker
- A public service worker (Police, Fire, EMS)
- Pregnant in the 3rd trimester or actively in labor
- Severely immunocompromised
- Living in a congregant facility

Note: If an essential healthcare worker does NOT meet criteria above, but DOES have Myalgias, Malaise, Runny Nose, Congestion or Sore Throat, AND unprotected exposure to a presumed COVID patient, then can order testing OR direct to SH Employee hotline for further consideration 833.559.0658.

Definitions:

1 Essential healthcare worker: Provider (physician, PA, NP), nurse, nurse technician in ED and ICU, environmental services, Aero Med (all roles), Dialysis, Echo Tech, Home Care (home health aide & visiting nurse), Infection Prevention, Laboratory, Perfusionist, Pharmacy, Respiratory Therapy, Scrub Tech (transplant, trauma, orthopedic trauma, neurosurgery), transplant coordinator, speech pathology, PT, OT, radiology techs, CRNA, Certified Midwife

2 Severely immunocompromised: Active chemotherapy with associated leukopenia or neutropenia, primary immunodeficiency, history of solid organ transplant, daily prednisone greater than 20 mg, TNF inhibitor use, or HIV infection untreated with CD 4 < 200

3 Congregant facility: Common living space with unrelated residents (examples: prisons, shelters, nursing facilities and adult foster care)