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COVID-19: Updated MDHHS Testing Guidelines

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Laboratories has updated its testing guidelines for COVID-19.

The MDHHS BOL Testing Categories have changed to include specimens from:

1. Individuals presenting with signs/symptoms of COVID-19 infection who are identified as a known contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 Infection and are not members of the same household or congregate living situation as the confirmed case (unless as part of a public health investigation).
2. Individuals who become symptomatic while being in a 14-day monitoring and quarantine period (such as, but not limited to, monitoring due to travel from a region with widespread transmission).
3. Symptomatic individuals who are part of a public health investigation of a cluster of illness associated with a vulnerable population (e.g., long term care facility)
4. Symptomatic individuals who may be more likely to infect many of people or a vulnerable population (e.g., healthcare providers and those living in congregate settings like dorms, camps, long term care facilities).
5. Individuals presenting with severe illness requiring hospitalization or causing mortality and having no other identified etiology.

Please continue to follow the standard work that has been established as a guide for how to handle patients who meet the guidelines for testing.

