



George Regional  
Health System

## **MSDH updated Coronavirus testing criteria.**

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On March 17, 2020 the MSDH held a conference call to recommend new testing criteria. Due to State and Federal testing supply shortages the new criteria aims to test the the most vulnerable.

### **MSDH testing Criteria:**

- A. Fever  $\geq$  100.4 (taken at clinic)  
AND
- B. Acute Respiratory illness

MSDH recommends test on the above criteria to the population listed below, ranked by priority:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Priority: Inpatients at Hospitals
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority: Healthcare workers with symptoms or confirmed exposure
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Priority: Others who are at higher risk of poor outcomes (Elderly and ones with underling serious medical conditions)

**COVID-19 testing is only performed for people meeting the criteria.**

\*Whether you have been tested or not the treatment is still the same for symptomatic patients.

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