

PRIORITIZATION AND CRITERIA FOR COVID-19 TESTING FROM WI DHS

Wisconsin is prioritizing testing for COVID-19 and below is the criteria by Tier. Tier 1 is the top priority for testing.

Tests that meet clinical criteria for Tier 1 and 2 below will be sent to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene and may have results within 48 hours.

TIER 1

Tier 1 - Individuals who:

- Are critically ill and receiving ICU level care with unexplained viral pneumonia or respiratory failure.
- OR
- Are hospitalized (non-ICU) with fever or signs and symptoms of lower respiratory tract illness (cough, shortness of breath) and either known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case or travel to an area with sustained community transmission.

TIER 2

Tier 2 - Individuals who:

- Are hospitalized (non-ICU) with unexplained fever and signs and symptoms of lower respiratory tract illness.
- OR
- Are health care workers with unexplained fever and signs and symptoms of a lower-respiratory illness, regardless of hospitalization.

Tests that meet clinical criteria for Tier 3 and 4 below will be sent to a different lab, resulting in longer wait times (6-7 days or more).

TIER 3

Tier 3 - Individuals who:

- Are seen in outpatient settings and meet criteria for influenza testing. This includes individuals with co-morbid conditions including diabetes, COPD, congestive heart failure, age >50, immunocompromised host among others
- OR
- Are health care workers with mild upper respiratory symptoms (rhinorrhea, congestion, sore throat) without fever

TIER 4

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- Other patients, as directed by public health or infection control authorities (e.g. community surveillance or public health investigations)

**DO NOT
TEST**

- Patients without symptoms
- Patients with mild upper respiratory symptoms only who are not health care workers