

## **SARS-CoV2 testing for healthcare workers**

**Situation:** COVID-19 testing criteria has been developed for healthcare workers, including employees and all members of the Medical Staff

**Background:** On-site COVID-19 specimen collection is now available for employed and affiliated healthcare workers

**Assessment:**

Given limited testing capacity, development of a COVID-19 occupational health review process will facilitate ordering and testing for healthcare workers.

**Recommendation:**

Effective March 18, 2020, a healthcare-worker specific testing process is in force. Guidelines below should be considered to guide employed and affiliated healthcare workers if they are concerned they have contracted COVID-19.

Process:

1. Healthcare workers with symptoms should call the YNHHS COVID-19 Call Center at 203-688-1700
  - a. Symptoms include: Fever  $\geq 100^{\circ}$  F, cough, chest pain, or difficulty breathing
2. Healthcare workers will be routed to an Occupational Health team member in the Call Center.
3. Occupational Health will assess the healthcare worker's symptoms and exposure history to determine if testing for SARS-CoV2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is appropriate.
4. Occupational Health will place an order for COVID-19 testing in Epic.
5. Healthcare workers will be contacted by a scheduler to arrange for a COVID-19 specimen collection appointment.
  - a. Employed and affiliated healthcare workers will receive priority scheduling at 150 Sargent Drive from 06:30- 08:30 AM and 4:30 - 5:30 pm Monday - Friday and from 9:00 am - 3 pm on Saturday.
  - b. Our Orchard Street specimen collection site will be dedicated to healthcare workers once operational on Tuesday, March 24.
6. Results will be tracked by Occupational Health and communicated back to the healthcare worker.