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Update on testing guidelines from the Indiana State Department of Health.

The Indiana State Department of Health is authorizing tests using the following guidelines.

TESTING ALGORITHM

- 1) Patient requiring hospitalization with fever and lower respiratory symptoms, constituting:
 - a. Admission to the hospital due to complications of their acute respiratory illness.
 - b. Negative for other sources of infections (including influenza and RVP, if available in <1 day)
- 2) Healthcare workers (inpatient, outpatient, nursing home, and other long-term service facilities) who provide direct patient care to at risk patients:
 - a. Symptomatic with fever and lower respiratory symptoms and in their role has potential or unknown exposure to at risk patients.
 - b. Negative for other sources of infections (including influenza and RVP, if available in <1 day)
- 3) Long-term care facility residents or prison/jail residents and staff (who have direct contact with patients or inmates):
 - a. Symptomatic with fever and respiratory illness and otherwise no known COVID-19 contact.
 - b. Negative for other respiratory illnesses – influenza (RVP if it can be done timely <1 day)

All testing performed by Indiana State Department of Health is done using their protocol. The Dubois County Health Department and Memorial Hospital are required to follow the Indiana State Department of Health Algorithm guidelines.