

Santa Barbara County COVID-19 Testing Triage Tool

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Each tested suspect case of COVID-19 must be reported via CalREDIE. Please call Santa Barbara County Disease Control at (805) 681-5280 if you have a Tier 1 suspect case per laboratory prioritization advisory. This tool is designed to be used by a health care provider or registered nurse. Patient information sheets on testing, quarantine, and home care if not tested can be found here- <https://publichealthsb.org/healthcare-professionals/>

| Phone or In-Person Triage Questions | YES | NO ¹ | Points Allotted | Points Earned |
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| Do you have a fever (above 100.4F)? | | | YES=1 | |
| Do you have a new cough? | | | YES=1 | |
| Do you have new shortness of breath or pain with taking a deep breath? | | | YES=2 | |
| If the answer is NO to all of the above questions, the patient is not a candidate for COVID-19 Testing. If the answer is YES to any of the above, proceed with the next section (below): | | | | |
| Have you had close contact ² with a person with documented COVID-19 infection? | | | YES=4 | |
| Have you traveled to the following places in the last 14 days (does not include staying in the airport): a. China, South Korea, Iran, Europe, Japan, Hong Kong (<i>note additional travel history below, countries and areas at risk will change</i>) | | | YES=2 | |
| Are you age 60 or older? Age: _____ | | | YES=1 | |
| Do you have any underlying chronic lung disease, such as COPD, fibrosis, etc.? | | | YES=1 | |
| Do you have any of the following conditions: a. Cancer b. Cerebrovascular disease c. Diabetes d. Chronic cardiac disease e. Other conditions that may lower your immunity (e.g., HIV) or medications that may lower your immunity, such as steroids, immunotherapy, chemotherapy? _____ | | | YES=1 | |
| Patients who score 5 or more points may be candidates for COVID-19 testing if other sources of illness have been ruled out. | | | TOTAL | |

- It will be up to the provider to determine what additional evaluation should be performed prior to COVID testing, but other considerations for an in-person assessment include the following: pulse ox, temp., point of care flu testing, CBC, etc.
- Any patient referred for COVID testing should be wearing a face mask and should be quarantined at home until the test results are known.

¹NO responses earn zero points

²Close contact is defined as-being in close proximity (within 6 feet) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time:

- Close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 patient or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case