Santa Barbara County health care leaders are working together to provide COVID-19 testing for those most at need in our community. Currently both patient sampling supplies and laboratory testing availability is limited. More availability may occur in the coming weeks. To assure vulnerable patients most at risk receive testing, local health care providers developed the following questions. This will help decide if priority testing is needed:

- Do you have fever of 100.4 or greater?
- Do you have a new cough?
- Do you have shortness of breath or pain taking a breath?
- Are you 60 years of age or older?
- Have you traveled to one of the affected areas?
- Have you been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19?
- Do you have lung disease?
- Do you have diabetes, heart disease, or cancer?
- Do you have a condition that lowers your immunity?
- Do you work in a healthcare or residential care facility?

If you answered yes to 1 or more questions, you are not a candidate for testing at this time. Contact your healthcare provider and let them know you may be a candidate for testing. The provider may ask you these additional questions to determine if you will be tested:

- Are you feeling ill, follow home care instructions.

All this will be taken into consideration, along with ruling out other sources of illness, prior to testing.

If you are tested, the results may not be available for 3 to 6 days. As a result, you will need to remain in isolation at home until your test results are known. This means you should not go to school, work, shopping, or to any public area until you have been cleared by your provider with a confirmed negative COVID-19 test result. An educational flier will be provided to you with additional instructions upon leaving your testing site.