

## **COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING SITES**

### **WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

#### **MESSAGE**

Mildly ill patients should be encouraged to stay home and contact their healthcare provider by phone for guidance about clinical management. Patients who have severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, should seek care immediately. Older patients and individuals who have underlying medical conditions or are immunocompromised should contact their physician early in the course of even mild illness.

#### **STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS**

- Practice social distancing by maintaining a six-foot distance from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol

#### **COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING CRITERIA:**

Must be a New Jersey Resident experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness including, but not limited to:

- Cough
- Fever (at or above 99.6°F)
- Shortness of breath

If an individual does not meet the above criteria, they will not be tested.

#### **WHAT TO BRING:**

1. Proof of current New Jersey residency through government-issued photo ID.
  - a. Parent/guardian of an individual less than 18 years of age must be present.
2. Healthcare/Medical insurance card, if applicable.
  - a. Healthcare/medical insurance is not a requirement to be tested.

#### **PROCESS:**

- Individuals will drive through a secured area and will remain in their vehicles throughout the entire testing process.
- Be prepared for long wait times. No restrooms will be available.
- Bring water and other items to be comfortable while waiting.
- Even though we highly discourage it, members of the media may be present. Every effort will be made by managers of the sites to maintain patient privacy.
- Interpreters may be available to accommodate residents for whom English is not their primary language.
- For the safety of everyone, hours of specimen collection will be 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- If you are having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1. Do not report to a testing site or wait at a testing site. Testing sites are not emergency care facilities. Call 9-1-1 and tell the dispatcher about your symptoms.