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The NH Department of Public Health is transitioning from a high-risk population testing strategy to a containment testing strategy as the Covid-19 outbreak stabilizes. Congregate living/emergency/transitional shelters are encouraged to consider the following testing guidance:

Any staff or clients with even mild symptoms should be referred for testing.

Mild symptoms include

- fever (subjective or documented)
- Upper or lower respiratory tract symptoms including runny nose (unexplained), pharyngitis, cough, chest congestion, or shortness of breath
- Flu-like symptoms including muscle aches, chills, and new significant fatigue
- Loss of taste or smell
- Other symptoms of clinical syndromes at a provider's discretion.

Individuals may access/request testing in a number of ways:

(See **Table** in attached Covid-19 Update 15)

- Through their PCP or local testing specimen collection site
- Through ConvenientMD
- Through RiteAid Pharmacies in Manchester & Portsmouth
- Through LabCorps Home Testing kits

Through an appointment via the [state's Covid-19 Screening Tool online](#)

- @ a Community testing site
- @ a mobile site
- with VNA, at home

If a client or staff member in a shelter setting tests positive for COVID-19, the state will deploy, at the site's request, a mobile team to test the entire facility. To request facility testing call the state testing coordination office at 603-271-5980

Any Department of Public Health recommendations for additional surveillance testing protocols will be based on the outcomes of site-wide testing and other community/site contextual circumstances.