KEY MESSAGE: Until testing supplies and laboratory capacity are increased please follow the below criteria:

Criteria for Testing:
1. Fever OR lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) AND close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case within the past 14 days; OR
2. Fever AND lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath), AND a negative rapid Flu test, AND no other more likely diagnosis

Testing Guidelines: Any patient that meets above criteria should be evaluated based on the testing algorithm.

Which COVID-19 Test?
A. In house COVID19 testing:
   a. PUIs in the ED for admission.
   b. Inpatient PUIs.
   c. Designated essential Healthcare workers needing testing for immediate return to work; Dr. Ramsey approval only.
   d. In house potential transplant donor patient with ID consult and approval.
   e. Asymptomatic Behavioral Health inpatients.
   f. Asymptomatic patients for surgical and OB procedures with IC consult.
B. Commercial Lab:
   a. PUIs in the ED for discharge.
   b. Ambulatory PUIs 3. Nonessential Healthcare workers

When testing more available:
• Reduce ID/IC approval process.
• Start testing ED/clinic symptomatic patients being sent home.
• Leadership at Vidant Health
• IS staff at VH
• Community leaders
• First responders
• Nursing home workers and patients