Patient presents with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection (fever and cough)

Mask patient immediately and put in separate room

Perform diagnostic tests as indicated (blood work, CXR, rapid flu test, etc.)

Patient requires hospitalization?

NO

Priority Population¹?

YES

Able to send specimens to LabCorp or Quest?

NO

• Test if other indication at discretion of provider
• If no indication for testing, instruct patient to isolate at home until at least 72 hours after resolution of fever and symptoms are improving

YES

• Collect NP swab and send to commercial lab
• Instruct patient to isolate at home pending test results

NO

• Call OCHCA to approve testing
• Collect NP swab and refrigerate specimen
• PHL courier will pick up next business day (freeze specimen if collected Friday or Saturday)

YES

• Collect NP swab and send to commercial lab
• Instruct patient to isolate at home pending test results

Notify OCHCA if specimen positive

¹Priority populations include:
• Evidence of lower respiratory disease without alternative diagnosis
• Any resident of a senior living facility, including skilled nursing facilities or assisted living facilities.
• Close contacts* to known COVID-19 cases
• Health care workers
• Persons who care for the elderly
• Persons experiencing homelessness

*Close contact is defined as being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for over 2 minutes.