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To: Medical Care Providers, Healthcare Facilities
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Please distribute to all providers and relevant medical staff in your office.

Health Alert

Coronavirus Disease 2019 – Update 6

COVID-19 testing should be prioritized for medical evaluation of persons with symptoms of possible COVID-19 and for efforts by public health agencies and essential employers to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

County supported sample collection sites open to the public are running in Salida, West Modesto, and Turlock. Additionally, other healthcare organizations have COVID-19 sample collection sites either for their own patients or open to the general public.

Persons who are being tested should be presumed to be infectious and given instructions for strict home isolation (if going home) until they receive a test result. Please see the Stanislaus County [home isolation](#) and [home quarantine](#) instructions, and distribute to those being tested, confirmed cases, and their close contacts.

Guidance for Stanislaus County Clinicians:

Individuals prioritized for COVID-19 testing (Viral (PCR or antigen)):

- Anyone with signs/symptoms of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization
- Symptomatic healthcare workers, first responders, and other social service employees; and asymptomatic, when needed to prevent disease transmission
- Symptomatic individuals age 65 and older; or symptomatic individuals of any age with chronic or other medical conditions that increase the risk of severe of COVID-19
- Individuals who are tested as part of disease control efforts in high-risk settings
- Symptomatic and asymptomatic residents and employees of congregate living facilities
- Symptomatic individuals in essential occupations, such as grocery store and food supply workers, utility workers, and public employees; and asymptomatic, when needed to prevent disease transmission
- Other individuals with symptoms consistent with COVID-19

Report COVID-19 positive cases to Stanislaus County Public Health within 24 hours

- Monday - Sunday 8 AM – 5 PM call (209) 558-5678
- If other afterhours assistance needed, call (209) 664-6032

Additional Information:

- CDC [COVID-19 Information](#)
- CDC: [Overview of Testing for SARS-CoV-2](#)
- CDC: [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Healthcare settings](#)
- CDPH [COVID-19 Information](#)
- Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (HSA): <http://schsa.org/PublicHealth/pages/corona-virus/>
- Stanislaus County HSA Public Health Orders, Home Isolation and Home Quarantine instructions: <http://www.schsa.org/corona-virus/ph-order/>

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