

WHEN DO I TEST FOR COVID-19 FOR A PATIENT IN THE HOSPITAL?

FOLLOW STEPS 1-2-3

1 SCREEN: IS ONE OF THESE OPTIONS POSITIVE?



FEVER

AND

**SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF LOWER
RESPIRATORY ILLNESS**
(EX. COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH)



CLOSE CONTACT WITH PERSON INFECTED WITH CORONA VIRUS

And symptoms attributable to COVID-19

2 TEST: Have other potential etiologies been ruled out?

- Influenza (Ag or PCR)
- CAP (strep-Ag, imaging that isn't compatible with COVID)
- UTI and Intra-abdominal/pelvic infections
- Skin and soft tissue infections
- Etc...

3 PROCEED: TO TESTING IF BOTH 1 & 2 ARE "YES"

If 1 & 2 consistent with COVID proceed with SARS-CoV2 nasal swab and admit to COVID unit with COVID order set