

DUH, DPC & PDC COVID-19 Testing Guidance

The table below outlines 12 categories of patients and the respective approved tests at DUH, PDC & DPC. Guidelines at DRH and DRAH vary based on workflows and testing capabilities; please work with the respective entity CMO for appropriate guidance.

Test/Order Names & Definitions

1. **Point of Care Test (POCT):** This test is similar to other POCT performed across the health system and requires that a specific device is physically located in the clinical environment. Turnaround Times (TAT) for positive tests is approximately 5 minutes; TAT for negative tests is 15 minutes. POCT units are limited and therefore have been deployed to areas where case volumes indicate regular use.
2. **Inpatient Test:** This in-house molecular diagnostic test currently has a median TAT of 5 hours from test order to test result.
3. **Outpatient Test:** This in-house molecular diagnostic test has a targeted TAT of 12-24 hours.
4. **Preoperative Screen:** This in-house molecular diagnostic test has a targeted TAT of 12-24 hours.
5. **IP/Administrative Test:** This in-house molecular diagnostic test has a targeted TAT of 12-24 hours. It is not linked to a “Rule out COVID” infection status and is used when indicated for screening asymptomatic patients or removing isolation precautions in a patient who has recovered.

If emergent care is required prior to receiving test results, use [appropriate PPE](#).

Category	Examples	Approved COVID Test
Symptomatic* inpatients		Inpatient Test
Asymptomatic inpatients who reside in congregate facilities**	SNFs, group homes, prisons	Inpatient Test
Obstetrics Inpatients		POCT
All other asymptomatic inpatients		IP Administrative Orderable
Symptomatic* Outpatients	Respiratory Care Centers; dialysis patients; congregate living facilities**	Likely admission: POCT Unlikely admission: Outpatient Test
Asymptomatic Outpatients	Household contacts of infected persons; Populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19; Essential workers	Use Outpatient test for eligible patients

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Perioperative	Level 1-4 OR and IR case	POCT as described in the peri-operative protocol
Pre-Procedural	EGD, TEE, Cardioversion, Urgent nasal endoscopy (full approved list of procedures here)	Pre-scheduled Local Outpatient: Outpatient test Urgent/Distant Outpatient: POCT at GC Lot Drive-up (see process/details here). Inpatient: Inpatient Test
Behavioral Health, Asymptomatic and Symptomatic	Inpatient or ER Behavioral Health Units	ED: POCT Inpatient: Inpatient Test
Immunocompromised, Symptomatic	Solid organ transplant, immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapy, immunodeficiency syndromes, pre-term infants	ED: POCT Inpatient: Inpatient Test Outpatient: Outpatient Test
Immunocompromised, Asymptomatic	Solid organ transplant, immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapy, immunodeficiency syndromes, pre-term infants	Refer to recommendations for testing asymptomatic transplant patients Pre-term infants, other cancer chemotherapy, immunodeficiency syndromes: Inpatient Test***
Patients who are non-verbal and/or in whom no reliable history can be obtained (regardless of symptoms)	Acute stroke patients	ED: POCT Inpatient: Inpatient Test

* Symptomatic Patients may report: Fever, upper/lower respiratory symptoms, pulmonary infiltrates, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of smell or taste, severe headache or fatigue

** Congregate facilities include skilled nursing facilities, group homes, prisons, etc.

*** Use inpatient test orderable for outpatients who meet these criteria