MEMO

Date: April 19, 2020
To: Service Delivery Organizations
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Re: COVID-19 – Testing in Acute Care

In order to increase surveillance of COVID-19, effective immediately all sites are requested to test all emergency/urgent care visits that present with Influenza-like illness (ILI).

In addition to the above, based upon clinical judgement, providers in these settings may test additional patients whose constellation of symptoms is suggestive of COVID-19.

Finally, it is important that all infectious respiratory admissions as well as diarrheal illness that requires admission are tested.

If the patient is either a health-care worker or a first responder, please include this information on the lab requisition.