
LAB ALERT #17: SARS-CoV-2 TESTING UPDATES (4/29)

UPDATE – High-Priority Groups for SARS-CoV-2 Testing at the SDPHL: The following are high-priority groups tested by the SDPHL for SARS-CoV-2:

- Symptomatic healthcare workers
- Hospitalized individuals
- Individuals in communal living (e.g., long term care facilities)
- Underinsured or uninsured individuals
- Low-income individuals or individuals unable to pay for testing
- Individuals that are homeless or who have experienced recent homelessness

UPDATE – List of Symptoms for COVID-19: The following is updated information regarding [COVID-19 symptoms](#) recently released by the CDC:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

OR at least two of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

NEW – Availability of Commercial Laboratory Testing: Commercial laboratories around the country are available to support SARS-CoV-2 testing needs for South Dakota healthcare facilities. Three major commercial laboratories that provide SARS-CoV-2 testing services include [LabCorp](#), [Quest](#), and [Mayo](#). Each healthcare facility interested in commercial SARS-CoV-2 services will need to establish an account with the laboratory of their choice.

Please distribute this LAB ALERT to others in your facility that may need this information.