



## Do I meet the criteria for testing for COVID-19?

In Queensland, testing is guided by the *Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Communicable Disease Network of Australia (CDNA) National Guidelines for Public Health Units* and the advice of the Office of the Chief Health Officer of Queensland.

Only patients with symptoms and relevant epidemiological history can be tested. Current criteria within Queensland:

- any person who has travelled overseas within the 14 days before the onset of fever or acute respiratory infection (e.g. shortness of breath, cough or sore throat);
- or**
- any person with close contact\* in 14 days before illness onset with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and who is now exhibiting fever or acute respiratory infection (e.g. shortness of breath, cough or sore throat).



Fever



Cough



Fatigue



Sore throat



Shortness of breath

- Patients or healthcare workers who present with cold and flu-like symptoms, who do not meet the above criteria, are not required to be tested for COVID-19.
- Healthcare workers with influenza like illness should not work in the healthcare setting while they are symptomatic.
- Patients or healthcare workers who have been tested are to be treated as a suspect case and are to self-isolate until the test results are known.
- Individuals meeting criteria for quarantine under a legal written requirement to quarantine (Public Health Order) must remain in quarantine even if asymptomatic. This currently includes individuals who are a close contact of a known COVID-19 case or who have travelled to a high-risk country (Mainland China, Iran, Italy and South Korea). Even with a negative COVID-19 test, these individuals must remain in self-isolation/quarantine.
- This advice may change if/when evidence of local transmission in Queensland becomes available.

### \*A close contact is:

- Greater than 15 minutes face-to-face contact in any setting with a confirmed case in the period extending from 24 hours before onset of symptoms in the confirmed case; or
- Sharing of a closed space with a confirmed case for a prolonged period (e.g. more than 2 hours) in the period extending from 24 hours before onset of symptoms in the confirmed case.