

# PITTSBURG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - APPOINTMENT ONLY COVID TESTING

For Clients who are **underinsured** or **without insurance** please follow these guidelines for COVID testing and referral:

1. When a client presents to clinic, the clinician determines need for COVID-19 testing using the most recent OKHAN testing guidance (*summary below please see full guidance which is attached*)
  - a. Fever (at least 100.4°F) **AND** symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing),  
  
**AND** one of the following:
    - i. Hospitalized patients who have signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses have been ruled-out in order to inform decisions related to infection control.
    - ii. Other symptomatic individuals at higher risk for poor outcomes, including those who are  $\geq 65$  years, immunocompromised or have chronic medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, receiving immunosuppressive medications, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease).
    - iii. Suspected outbreak of COVID-19 among associated individuals with recent onset of similar fever and lower respiratory symptoms.
    - iv. Suspect COVID-19 in a patient associated with a high-risk exposure setting such as a long-term care facility.
    - v. Patients, including healthcare personnel, who within 14 days of symptom onset had close contact with a suspect or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient.
2. Clients meeting this screening criteria will be offered the ability to receive free testing by appointment only at the Pittsburg County Health Department.
3. For those clients choosing to be referred to the health department, please notify the client that you will make the referral to the health department, and the client will be contacted by health department staff to set up an appointment. Clients should not contact the health department to arrange the appointment.
4. Clinicians should then call (918) 426-7310 which is the number designated for clinic providers to contact. Do not use the primary number to the health department.
5. Provide the health department the following information:
  - a. Client name
  - b. Contact information including primary phone number
  - c. DOB
6. Provided Information will be given to a health department nurse for immediate contact to your client

7. Health department appointments will be scheduled for the afternoon between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Every effort will be made to provide same day testing.
8. The health department will be responsible for assuring transport of the test to the Oklahoma Public Health Lab.
9. Results will be faxed back to the clinician once received.