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Should you request a test for the Coronavirus / COVID-19?

The Family Health Centers, based on new recommendations from North Carolina DHHS, encourages patients to request COVID-19 testing if you fall into any of the following groups:

• Patients with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19

• Patients with close contact with known positive cases, regardless of symptoms

• Patients who live in or have regular contact with high-risk settings (e.g. long-term care facility, homeless shelter, correctional facility, migrant farmworker camp)

• People who attended mass gatherings (protests, marches, rallies, funerals, parties, cookouts, etc.), particularly those who were in crowds or other situations where they couldn't practice effective social distancing

• Patients who are frontline and essential workers (grocery store clerks, gas station attendants, childcare workers, construction sites, processing plants, etc.) in settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain

• Patients who are health care workers or first responders (e.g. EMS, law enforcement, fire department, military)

• Patients who are at high risk of severe illness (e.g. people over 65 years of age, people of any age with underlying health conditions)

If you or a family member are part of one or more of the above groups, we urge you to call us at (828) 258-8681 to be screened for testing.

- Testing is conducted, by appointment only, at our downtown Asheville lower level at 206 Asheland Avenue.
- Testing is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and all Commercial Insurance Carriers. Your co-pay will apply.
- For those without insurance, the cost of COVID-19 testing is covered by the Federal Government.