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District Health Department No. 2 Provides Information on COVID-19 Testing

As testing increases in Northeast Michigan, DHD2 wanted to make residents aware of some important information when considering getting tested. As it currently stands, there are four priority areas for testing laid out by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. These include:

- Priority 1: Hospitalized patients and healthcare facility workers with symptoms.
- Priority 2: Patients in congregate living facilities with symptoms, patients over age 65 with symptoms, patients with underlying conditions with symptoms and first responders with symptoms.
- Priority 3: Critical infrastructure workers with symptoms, individuals who do not meet any of the above criteria with symptoms, asymptomatic healthcare facility workers and first responders, individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations.
- Priority 4: Essential workers whether they have symptoms or not.

In addition, some facilities are only testing priorities 1 or 2 based on supply availability. This is a testing facility decision and may be adjusted as more supplies become available. DHD2 recommends individuals call testing sites to see which priorities they are testing. A list of testing sites, as well as their contact information, is available on the DHD2 COVID-19 webpage in the General Information section at www.dhd2.org/COVID-19. Also, please be aware that some testing sites are requiring a doctor's order to do testing. This also is a testing facility decision. If you do not have a primary care provider or insurance, call the testing site and they will work with you to determine if a test is needed and provide a doctor's order.