



## COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing

### I. Policy

University Health Alliance (UHA) will cover COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing when the test is, at the time of service, congruent with updated CDC guidelines. Coverage is subject to change contingent upon evolving CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/diagnostic-testing.html>), as referenced below. UHA will not cover non-diagnostic testing. UHA follows both federal and state guidelines and mandates.

### II. Criteria/Guidelines

- A. CDC recommends the following individuals should obtain COVID-19 diagnostic testing:
1. People who have symptoms of COVID-19
    - a. People who are fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine should be evaluated by their healthcare provider and tested for COVID-19 if indicated.
  2. People without symptoms of COVID-19
    - a. People not fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine who have had close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19 (including a person who does not have symptoms within 10 days of their positive test result).
    - b. People not fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine who have taken part in activities that put them at higher risk for COVID-19, such as attending large social or mass gatherings, or being in crowded indoor settings.
    - c. People not fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine who are prioritized for expanded community screening for COVID-19.
    - d. People not fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine who have been asked or referred to get tested by their school, workplace, healthcare provider, state, tribal, local, or territorial health department.
- B. CDC recommends the following people who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 do not need to get tested if they do not have COVID-19 symptoms:
1. People who are fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine not living in a congregate setting.
    - a. For residents in non-healthcare congregate settings (e.g. correctional and detention facilities, group homes) and employees of residential congregate settings and high-density workplaces (e.g. meat and poultry processing and manufacturing plants), refer to CDC's recommendations for fully vaccinated people at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>.
  2. People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered, as long as they do not develop new symptoms

**NOTE:**

*This UHA payment policy is a guide to coverage, the need for prior authorization and other administrative directives. It is not meant to provide instruction in the practice of medicine, and it should not deter a provider from expressing his/her judgment.*

*Even though this payment policy may indicate that a particular service or supply is considered covered, specific provider contract terms and/or members' individual benefit plans may apply, and this policy is not a guarantee of payment. UHA reserves the right to apply this payment policy to all UHA companies and subsidiaries.*

*UHA understands that opinions about and approaches to clinical problems may vary. Questions concerning medical necessity (see Hawaii Revised Statutes §432E-1.4) are welcome. A provider may request that UHA reconsider the application of the medical necessity criteria in light of any supporting documentation through direct peer communication.*

### III. Administrative Guidelines

- A. Prior authorization is not required.
- B. UHA reserves the right to perform retrospective review using the above criteria to validate that services rendered met payment determination.

### IV. Policy History

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