**WA SNF COVID19 – Testing Algorithm**

**SYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS**
- Fever $\geq 100.4$
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

**Provider orders COVID-19 testing for symptomatic patients**

Nurse must wear the following PPE:
- Gloves
- Gown
- Procedure mask
- Eye protection

Use current ministry practice for completing Lab Corp requisition – under “Additional Test Codes” - write COVID19 test code 139900

Specimen Requirements:
- Nasopharyngeal/oropharyngeal swab in Universal Transport Media

Specimen is collected

“REFRIGERATED” needs to be written on the specimen bag with black marker. Place sample and requisition per ministry procedure and refrigerate.

Expected TAT 3-5 days excludes transportation to NC Likely to increase as testing volumes increase

Call Lab Corp Customer Service for pickup. Please give location of sample pickup – i.e. check with nursing station, in drop box, etc.

Follow ministry specific protocols (i.e. notify provider, etc.) plus notify local health department

Are results positive?
- Yes
  - Follow ministry specific protocols. Discuss plan with provider
- No

*It is no longer required to obtain a respiratory viral panel prior to ordering a COVID19.*