

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

## Patient Testing Criteria - Suspect Case

A person who meets the following clinical **AND** epidemiological criteria:

### Clinical Criteria:

Fever ( $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) or history of fever (e.g. night sweats, chills)

**OR**

acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, sore throat).

### Epidemiological criteria:

i. In the 14 days prior to illness onset:

- Close contact with a confirmed or probable case
- International or interstate travel
- Passengers and crew who have travelled on a cruise ship
- Healthcare, aged or residential care workers and staff with direct patient contact
- People who have lived in or travelled through a geographically localised area with elevated risk of community transmission, as defined by public health authorities

ii. Hospitalised patients, where no other clinical focus of infection or alternate explanation of the patient's illness is evident.

### Enhanced testing

Testing beyond the suspect case definition should be undertaken on patients with: fever ( $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) or history of fever (e.g. night sweats, chills) **OR** acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, sore throat), where no other clinical focus of infection or alternate explanation of the patient's illness is evident.

Source: CDNA National Guidelines - <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-novel-coronavirus.htm>