



Testing of Symptomatic Staff Priority Letter April 2, 2020

We have been working with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on prioritizing tests of symptomatic workers within congregate care settings. OHA has finalized, and asked us to distribute, a letter that congregate care staff can use when they go to their health care provider to be tested for COVID-19. When a symptomatic congregate care worker contacts the congregate care employer to inform them of COVID-19 like symptoms (see symptoms below), a facility person-in-charge should fill in the blanks on the letter, sign, and provide it to the worker. The worker should provide the letter to the healthcare provider when provider evaluates the worker's symptoms. The goal is to inform the healthcare provider of the importance of timely testing for symptomatic congregate care workers. This letter should only be used for symptomatic workers.

COVID-19 symptoms: May include fever, cough, myalgia or fatigue, and shortness of breath. Less common symptoms include sore throat, headache and diarrhea.

OHA has said facilities are welcome to add their logo to the upper right corner of the letter. Obtain the letter [here](#).