patient COVID-19 testing algorithm
(which test is sent where)

**patient symptomatic for COVID-19**

- **yes**
  - **priority 1**
    - Send to Compunet Clinical Lab (CCL)
    - **Collect**: NP swab
    - **Order**: COVID 19
    - IP/Employee
  - **priority 1a**
    - Alternative Specimen Collection
    - Send to Ohio Dept. Of Health (ODH)
    - **Collect**: Sputum, Tracheal Aspirate
    - **Order**: ODHCOV
    - **Approval**: Contact Infection Prevention for submission approval

- **no**
  - continue with care

**if patient is in NICU, PICU, TCU, or 3 West with PEWS score of 4 or greater**

- **yes**
  - **priority 1**
    - Send to Compunet Clinical Lab (CCL)
    - **Collect**: NP swab
    - **Order**: COVID 19
    - IP/Employee
    - NP Specimens should be sent to CCL when possible.
  - **priority 1a**
    - Alternative Specimen Collection
    - Send to Ohio Dept. Of Health (ODH)
    - **Collect**: Sputum, Tracheal Aspirate
    - **Order**: ODHCOV
    - **Approval**: Contact Infection Prevention for submission approval

- **no**
  - **priority 2**
    - Patient hospitalized, is higher risk for serious illness AND OR living with person who is high risk

**priority 2**

- **yes**
  - Send to Reference Laboratory
  - **Collect**: NP swab or Nasal Wash
  - **Order**: COVID Test (Lab 2220)

- **no**
  - symptomatic outpatient testing

**priority 1**

1. Hospitalized Patients
   a. Critical Care Patients
   b. 3 West Patients with a PEWS score of 4 or greater
2. Symptomatic healthcare workers

**priority 2**

1. Hospitalized symptomatic patients with underlying conditions
2. Hospitalized patients living with persons who are at high risk for severe disease

**priority 3**

1. Healthcare workers with mild or no symptoms
2. Individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high numbers of COVID 19 hospitalizations

*Restricted test. Requires approval prior to sending to CCL or ODH
**CCL is preferred ODH is the back up lab based on specimen type and volume sent to CCL.