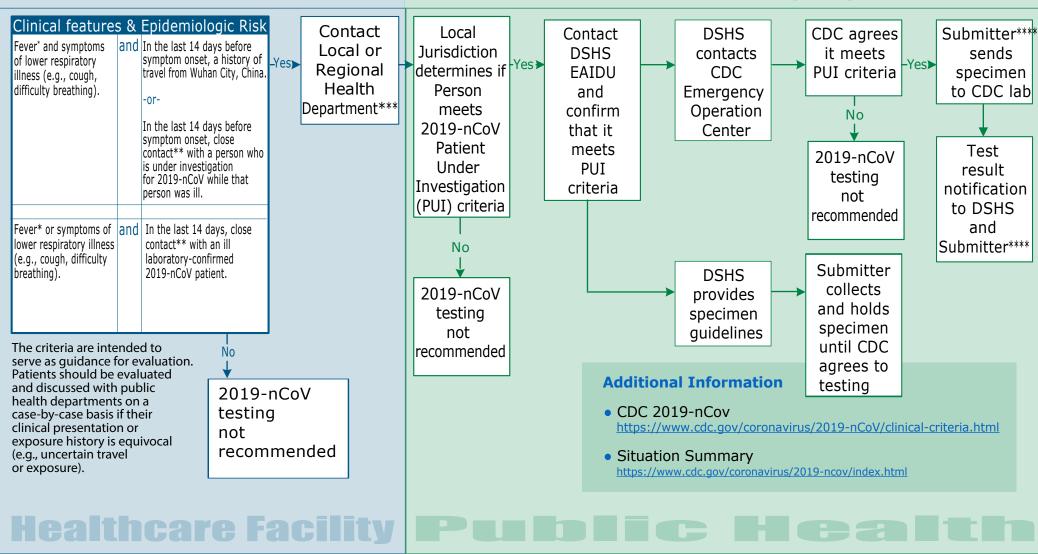
## DSHS 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Testing Algorithm





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\*\*Close contact is defined as-

- a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters), or within the room or care area, of a novel coronavirus for a prolonged period of time while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection); close contact can include caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a novel coronavirus case. -or-
- b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a novel coronavirus case (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment.
- \*\*\*Find your Local Health Department: <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/contacts/">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/contacts/</a>.
- \*\*\*\*Submitter may include health care facilities, providers, etc.