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New Testing Guidance and Survey for Provider Attitudes

Testing capacity and availability is one of the key data elements for COVID-19 risk assessment. As the state and community begin preparation for recovery, it will be necessary for everyone with COVID-19 symptoms and those with high-risk exposures to be tested immediately so that they can be isolated and close contacts can be identified quickly for quarantine. Department of Health has released new [testing guidelines](#) which expand the criteria for testing to anyone with an expanded list of symptoms consistent with COVID-19 AND to asymptomatic persons with high-risk exposures or prior to certain procedures. BFHD encourages providers to test all patients that meet these criteria. In order to increase testing capacity and availability to successfully contain COVID-19 cases as social distancing rules are officially reduced or individually disregarded, barriers need to be identified and addressed.

BFHD is asking providers to participate in a statewide [survey](#) to better understand providers' current testing practices and what are the current limitations. If you prefer not to use the survey link, complete the attached Word document and send it to Susan Buskin at Seattle King County Public Health:
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