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Frequently Asked Questions

RESEARCH now shows preliminary findings that:

How long does the virus live?

- Up to 72 hours on plastic and stainless steel
- Up to 24 hours on cardboard
- Up to four hours on materials like copper
- Can hang in the air for up to three hours before falling

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has updated Priority criteria for testing to read the following:

PRIORITY 1

Ensure optimal care options for all hospitalized patients, lessen the risk of nosocomial infections, and maintain the integrity of the healthcare system

- Hospitalized patients
- Symptomatic healthcare workers

PRIORITY 2

Ensure that those who are at highest risk of complication of infection are rapidly identified and appropriately triaged

- Patients in long-term care facilities with symptoms
- Patients 65 years of age and older with symptoms
- Patients with underlying conditions with symptoms
- First responders with symptoms

PRIORITY 3

As resources allow, test individuals in the surrounding community of rapidly increasing hospital cases to decrease community spread, and ensure health of essential workers

- Critical infrastructure workers with symptoms
- Individuals who do not meet any of the above categories with symptoms
- Health care workers and first responders
- Individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high COVID-19 hospitalizations

NON-PRIORITY

- Individuals without symptoms

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>