Laboratory Testing Algorithm
for Patients with Suspect 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Patient must meet **clinical features** criteria **AND** **epidemiological risk** criteria for testing authorization.

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<th>Clinical Features</th>
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<td>Fever(^1) and symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing)</td>
<td>and</td>
<td>In the last 14 days before symptom onset, a history of travel from Wuhan City, China.</td>
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Fever\(^1\) or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing) | and | In the last 14 days, close contact\(^2\) with an ill laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient. |

\(^1\) Fever may not be present in some patients; clinical judgment should be used to guide testing of patients in such situations.

\(^2\) Close contact is defined as being within approximately 6 feet, or within the room or care area, of a novel coronavirus case for a prolonged period of time while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment (PPE); close contact can include caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a novel coronavirus case,  \(- \text{or} -\) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a novel coronavirus case (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended PPE.