



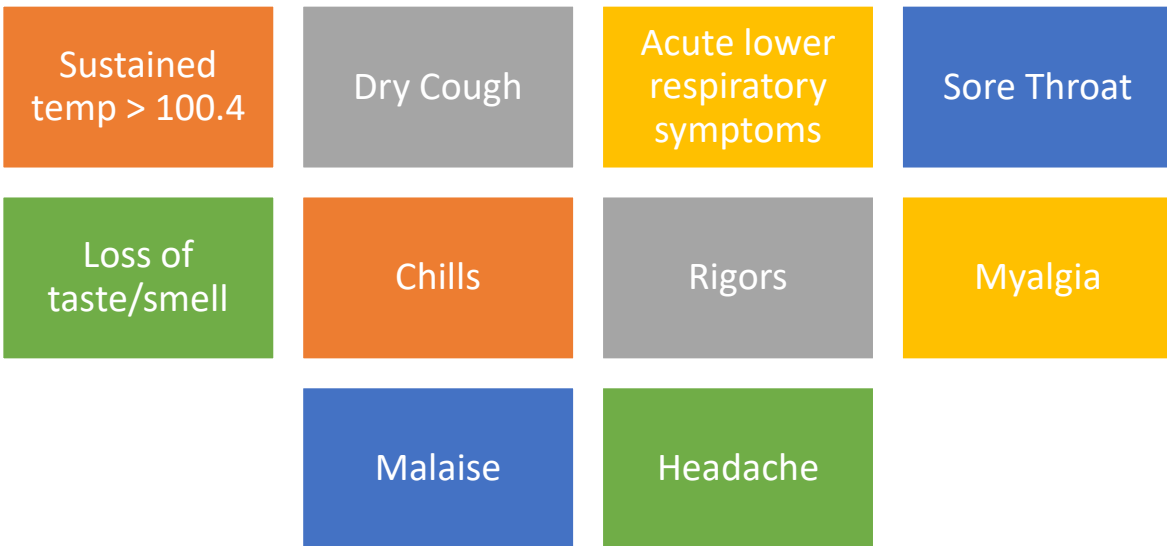
To: Facilities Serviced by HHL and HHL Employees  
From: Heartland Health Laboratories, Inc.  
Date: April 2, 2020 (Updated 4/13/20)  
RE: Definition of Person Under Investigation (PUI)

Heartland Health Laboratories, Inc. (HHL) is committed to continuing to provide excellent laboratory services during the novel Coronavirus-19 pandemic (COVID19). This is a fluid situation, changes in procedures and processes are happening frequently. Please be patient with our laboratory staff during these challenging times.

This notification is intended to clear up any confusion on how HHL defines a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and our refrain from interactions with PUI. We believe that the terms investigation and observation are interchangeable with reference to COVID19. The CDC has provided the below list of symptoms, if your patient is presenting at least two (2) the below symptoms HHL would see the patient as a PUI.

## Person Under Investigation (PUI) Defined

(At Least two (2) of the below symptoms)



- When you order tests please inform HHL at that time if your patient meets the PUI definition above.
- To prevent PPE waste and **eliminate unnecessary exposure** the **HHL Staff will not perform swabs nor draw blood for a PUI.**
- **Any Patient with COVID19 symptoms will be treated as a PUI by HHL.**
- We will provide needles, tourniquets, tubes, swabs, and transport medium for your dedicated staff to perform these procedures.
- If you would like signage to post it can be found on our website <https://www.heartlandhealthlab.com/> under the COVID19 tab along with all other updates recently sent to your team.

Some helpful links are listed below.

42 CFR Subpart B – Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities  
[https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title42/42cfr483\\_main\\_02.tpl](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title42/42cfr483_main_02.tpl)

CMS Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019  
<https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurveycertificationgeninfopolicy-and/qso-20-14-nh.pdf>

Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease (2019) COVID19  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>