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NUMBER: **COVID-19 TESTING POLICY**  
SUBJECT: **HEALTH CLINIC INTERNAL OPERATION PROCEDURE**  
AUTHORIZING BODY: Nooksack Health Clinic Management  
RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: Health Department

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure consistent testing procedures by all medical staff.

**II. POLICY**

TESTING Requirements:

- 1) Tribal ID is required for all Nooksack enrolled members.
- 2) Photo ID and insurance cards are required for all Non-Tribal employees.
- 3) Photo ID and insurance cards are required for all non-Nooksack members residing in Nooksack Tribal Households.

Approved TESTING Criteria:

- a. At the request of medical staff and management of a Nooksack Indian Tribe entity.
- b. Patient is symptomatic and COVID-19 is suspected.
- c. Patient is considered a Direct Exposure to a COVID positive case (test requested by medical staff).
  - i. If fully vaccinated, patient must be 3-5 days post-exposure before testing.
  - ii. If unvaccinated, patient must be 5-7 days post-exposure.
- d. Enrolled Nooksack (Canadian Residents) who are here on tribal business i.e. picking up a check, picking up enrollment card, attending a cultural or ceremonial event (funeral, memorial, etc.) may be tested in order to return to Canada.

Unapproved TESTING Criteria:

- a) Non-Essential Travel to Canada.
- b) Shopping and leisure excursions.
- c) First Nation Tribal Citizens for Canadian Border screening tests.
- d) Testing for unvaccinated Tribal members to attend events that require a negative test result (i.e.; concerts, games, etc.)

***Please note: insurance will no longer pay for asymptomatic testing. This includes Cigna, DSHS, Medicare, and HMA. If test does not fit testing criteria as outlined and is NOT requested by medical provider or NIT entity the patient will be responsible for payment.***

Testing is offered Monday – Friday 1:30pm – 3:00pm at the Nooksack Health Clinic located at 2510 Sulwhanon Dr Everson, WA 98247. Depending on the weather and staffing, times and location are subject to change.

Alternate testing options:

- <https://whatcomcounty.us/3388/COVID-19-Testing> or
  - Call 360-543-6904 or make and appt. at [www.TestDirectly.com/Whatcom](http://www.TestDirectly.com/Whatcom).
- \*\*Clients are responsible to contact and schedule testing at these sites.*

**III. SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO:**

- 1) Availability of Funding.
- 2) Nooksack Pandemic Response Team Recommendations.