**Initial Screening**

- **HCP determines person meets DSHS PUI testing criteria.**
  - Yes: **HCP contacts LHD or PHR.**
  - No: **HCP has the option to test in commercial or hospital lab.**

**Public Health Testing and Surveillance**

- **LHD or PHR determines if person meets COVID-19 PUI criteria, in consultation with DSHS EAIUDU, if needed.**
  - **Yes:** **HCP collects specimen** for COVID-19 testing and fills out submission form including PUI ID, where applicable.
  - **No:** **HCP sends notification to LHD or PHR of all suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases.**

- **HCP ships specimen to an LRN Lab.**
  - LRN Lab sends test results to LHD and PHR.
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- **LHD or PHR notifies submitter of positive test results.**

- **LHD or PHR completes case report form and enters into NEDSS and sends to DSHS EAIUDU.**

**Additional Information**


**Acronyms:**

- CDC - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- DSHS - Texas Department of State Health Services
- HCP - Healthcare Provider
- LHD - Local Health Department
- LRN - Laboratory Response Network
- PHR - Public Health Region
- PUI - Person Under Investigation

2 Find your Local Health Department and Public Health Region: https://www.dhs.texas.gov/regions/2019-nCoV-Local-Health-Entities/.

3 Submitter may include health care facilities and providers, among others.

4 PHR/LHD approval is needed before specimens are shipped to the appropriate Texas Laboratory Response Network (LRN) Lab.

5 Specimens submitted to the DSHS State Lab in Austin from another LRN jurisdiction must be approved by DSHS EAIDU before the specimens are shipped to the DSHS Lab in Austin. Tracking number shall be provided by email or phone to DSHS EAIDU.

6 Find your LRN Lab at https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/eprLRNcontact.shtm.

7 PUI ID is assigned by the LHD, or PHR where the PHR acts as the LHD.