**Instructions for those who suspect they may have the Corona virus and want to be tested**

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Due to the limited number of test kits currently available in the state, careful consideration is being given to who will be tested. Those who are particularly not symptomatic or experience only mild symptoms may not be tested."

***If you are mild to moderately sick***, health officials at the Health Department and Munson Healthcare ask that you please stay home and take care of yourself.

***For conditions that can be classified as more severe and would require a healthcare visit, Munson asks that you follow this process:***

Again, if you are moderately to mildly sick - please stay home.  
Use telemedicine whenever possible.  
Call your healthcare provider before you visit any healthcare facility.  
Do not go to the Emergency Room unless you are sick enough to require emergency care.  
Your primary care provider will give you direction regarding testing.  
A doctor's order is REQUIRED for COVID-19 testing.

They also ask that individuals not overload local healthcare resources. A State of Michigan hotline 1-888-535-6136 has been set up to answer general questions. This state hotline will be staffed daily from 8:00am-5:00pm.

Munson Healthcare has set up a mobile specimen collection center in the parking lot of their Foster Family Community Health Center on US-31 in Traverse City for patients who have been issued a lab order for COVID-19 testing from their primary care provider. **It is not open to the public**.

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