COVID-19 is a Reportable Disease in Louisiana. Update on Clinical Guidance for Return to Normal Activity Following Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19, and Resources for Clinicians seeking COVID-19 Testing Supplies

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1. Reminder: COVID-19 is a reportable disease in Louisiana

   - The reporting of all COVID-19 cases is mandatory for all Louisiana healthcare providers.
   - All laboratory tests for COVID-19, whether positive or negative, are reportable to the State within 24 hours of test result.

1. Updated clinical guidance to return to normal activity after being in isolation for suspected or confirmed COVID-19

   - Please use the following updated symptom-based strategy to return to normal activity following a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19: Continue isolation until:
     
     ○ At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
     ○ At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
1. Please see attached updated printable guidance for patients which includes this discontinuation from isolation information.

1. Providers seeking assistance with COVID-19 testing materials

- Providers with questions about obtaining Viral or Universal Transport (VTM/UTM) media to conduct COVID-19 testing can call 1-(888) INFO-FDA for live support with supply chain questions.