

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Fri, 13 Mar 2020 03:19:54 +0000
To: Lerner, Andrea (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: FW: Question from Jefferson Health NE Philadelphia

Please respond or refer.

From: Robert Danoff [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:02 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: Question from Jefferson Health NE Philadelphia

Hi Dr. Fauci,

Hope all is well.

Dr. Fauci, we will be setting up COVID-19 testing facilities and I wanted to ask your opinion regarding the following:

Is it ok to expand our testing beyond the current strict testing criteria to include those with lesser symptoms or potential exposure whom we want to rule out Covid-19?

We are concerned that while we isolate those with more severe symptoms who currently qualify for testing, the majority with lesser symptoms would be ambulatory and potentially spreading the illness to others. Plus, it is hard to get someone to isolate for 14 days without providing a diagnosis.

Just as we can test those we suspect for Influenza A, Influenza B and RSV, it would be helpful to be able to test those we suspect with Covid-19, including healthcare workers with no symptoms but with possible exposure.

Thank you for your time and your leadership for our nation's healthcare.

Be well.

Rob

Rob Danoff DO, MS, FCOFP, FAAFP

Program Director, Family Medicine Residency

Program Director, Combined Family Medicine/Emergency Medicine Residency