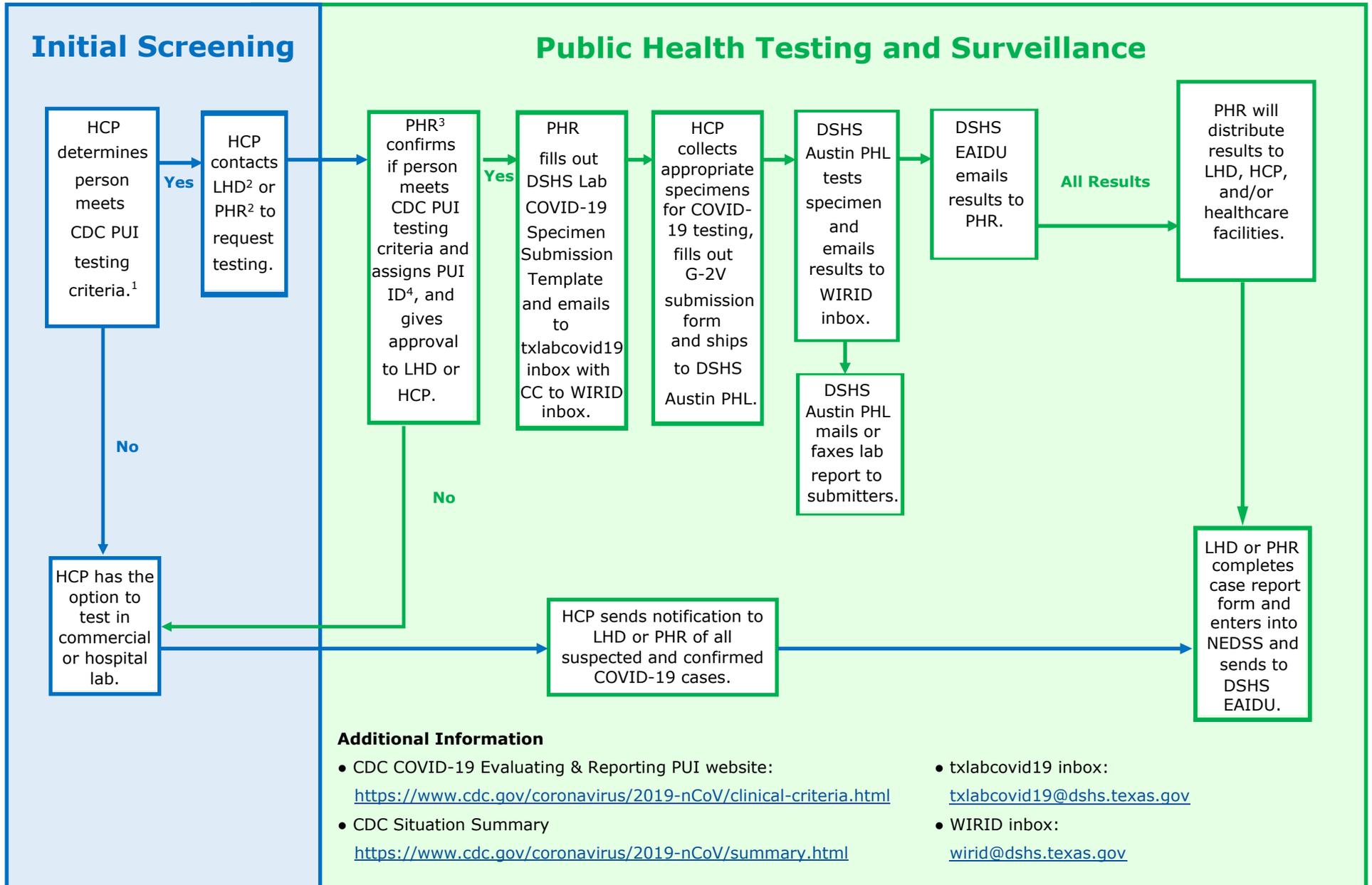


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**Acronyms:** CDC - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention; DSHS - Texas Department of State Health Services; EAIU - Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease Unit; HCP - Healthcare Provider; LHD - Local Health Department; LRN - Laboratory Response Network; NEDSS - National Electronic Disease Surveillance System; PHL - Public Health Laboratory; PHR - Public Health Region; PUI - Person Under Investigation



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- <sup>1</sup> PUI Testing Criteria at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>
- <sup>2</sup> Find your Local Health Department and Public Health Region: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/regions/2019-nCoV-Local-Health-Entities/>.
- <sup>3</sup> PHR approval is needed before specimens are shipped to the DSHS Austin PHL. Specimens submitted to the DSHS Austin PHL from another LRN jurisdiction must be approved by PHR before the specimens are shipped.
- <sup>4</sup> PUI ID assignment is recommended, but not required. If a PHR does not assign a unique identifier, the PHR must decide how the LHD, healthcare provider, or healthcare facility should notate the approval of COVID-19 specimen submission to the DSHS Austin PHL on the G-2V form. The PHR must also notate on the DSHS Austin PHL Specimen Submission Template if the PHR has approved the specimen for testing and indicate the reason for approval. If approval is not indicated on the G-2V form and the DSHS Austin PHL COVID-19 Specimen Submission Template, then testing for SARS-CoV-2 will be delayed or potentially rejected.