**S1 Table**. List of SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR testing criteria over the study period.

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| Time period | SARS-CoV-2 testing criteria | Epidemic areas |
| March 6th - March 9th 2020 | 1) Clinical picture of an acute respiratory infection: e.g. fever and/or cough and/or breathing difficulty and/or pneumonic imaging finding  AND 2) Possible exposure: travel to epidemic area or contact with laboratory confirmed  OR 3) Admission to ICU for respiratory infection, causative agent unknown | Mainland China, South Korea, Iran, Italy |
| March 9th - March 15th 2020 | Same as 6 March with an expanded epidemic area | Mainland China, South Korea, Iran, Italy, *Tyrol,* *Nordrhein-Westfalen (Germany)*\* |
| March 15th - March 22nd 2020 | 1) Quarantined individual experiencing symptoms of respiratory infection;  2) Admission to hospital for respiratory infection, causative agent unknown;  3) Individual over the age of 70 presenting with symptoms of respiratory infection;  4) Symptoms of respiratory infection AND possible exposure: travel or contact with lab. confirmed;  5) Nursing home resident with symptoms of respiratory infection AND suspicion of a respiratory infection epidemic in the facility | Italy, Tyrol  From 16 March onwards, all non-essential travel to and from Finland is prohibited |
| March 22nd - April 13th 2020 | Same as 15 March  and 6) health care personnel with symptoms of respiratory infection | No designated epidemic areas; all travel considered a risk |
| April 13th 2020 onwards | 1) All individuals experiencing either respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms;  2) Patients belonging to risk groups that are admitted to hospital for any reason |

\*New areas in cursive