



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR COVID-19 TESTING?

Getting tested

Your doctor will tell you if you should be tested. They will arrange for the test.

You will only be tested if your doctor decides you meet the criteria:

- > You have returned from overseas in the past 14 days and you develop respiratory illness with or without fever
- > You have been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 14 days and you develop respiratory illness with or without fever
- > You have severe community-acquired pneumonia and there is no clear cause
- > You are a healthcare worker who works directly with patients and you have a respiratory illness and a fever

There is a global shortage of the test kits that pathologists use to diagnose COVID-19. This is why we are doing targeted testing instead of widespread testing.

After testing

It may take a few days for the test results to come back.

If you have serious symptoms you will be kept in hospital and isolated from other patients to prevent the virus spreading.

If your doctor says you are well enough to go home while you wait for your test results, you should:

- > self-quarantine at home and do not attend work or school
- > wash your hands often with soap and water
- > cough and sneeze into your elbow
- > avoid cooking for or caring for other members of your household
- > wear the mask your doctor gives you if you cannot avoid close contact with other people

For questions about testing or patient welfare, call the Coronavirus Health Information Line.

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Call this line if you are seeking information on coronavirus (COVID-19). The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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