

INFORMATION ON

COVID-19 TESTING

Symptoms of COVID-19



shortness of breath



fatigue



sore throat



cough



fever



runny nose



vomiting or nausea



diarrhoea

If you have one or more of these symptoms, get tested immediately.



loss of taste



loss of smell

What to expect if you get tested

When do you get tested?

You might feel really sick or just a little unwell, if you have any of these COVID-19 symptoms, or have been to known exposure sites, you should talk to your doctor or health worker and get tested immediately.

What happens?

A health worker will test you by swabbing your nose or throat and/or collecting any mucus that is coughed up. A swab is a small piece of absorbent material on the end of a little stick, similar to a cotton ear-bud. The test should not be painful, but may be uncomfortable for a short period of time. It is then sent to the nearest lab for testing.

What happens between the time you get tested and receiving results? What should you do?

It is important to stay home if you are waiting on a test result. If you live with other people, they do not need to quarantine unless your doctor has advised them to do so. Remember to social distance at home and keep to a separate room if you can.

Keep washing hands and cleaning home surfaces



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If your test is negative, you don't have COVID-19.

If your test is negative, you should stay home until your symptoms are gone. When you are well enough to leave, remember to keep up social distancing and practice good hygiene.

Please keep monitoring your health in case it changes over the next fourteen days. If you have any new symptoms tell your doctor, you might be required to do another test.

If your test is positive, you do have COVID-19.

You must self isolate in a suitable location where you can separate yourself from other people to the best of your ability. If you do not have somewhere to self-isolate, you can ask for help from your local health service or hospital.

Anyone that has had any contact with you, including family members and people you live with will need to isolate themselves for fourteen days since their last contact with you.

What to do if your sickness gets worse.

- Call **13 Health (13 43 25 84)** or your local health service and let them know how you are feeling.
- Follow their direction—if they tell you to go back to the doctor or the hospital, you must go.
- Call ahead and let the doctor or hospital know that you are confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Put on the mask provided to you if you need to leave the house.
- When you get to the doctor's surgery or hospital tell them that you are confirmed to have COVID-19.

If your symptoms are severe, such as shortness of breath:

- **call 000** and ask for an ambulance
- tell them you have confirmed COVID-19.

Need more information?

National Coronavirus Health Information Line:
1800 020 080. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Testing and fever clinics:
Visit www.qld.gov.au to find a clinic near you.

If you have any other questions or concerns, you can also contact your local health service or hospital.



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