

Frequently Asked Questions: Testing for COVID-19



Q: Who can be tested for COVID-19?

A: Department of Health guidance to healthcare providers directs providers to focus testing on people with COVID-19 symptoms (ex. fever, cough, or shortness of breath). Highest risk patient groups are prioritized. Anyone can ask a provider to be tested for COVID-19, but testing is done at the provider's discretion.

Q: Should I get tested for COVID-19?

A: People who are sick with fever, cough, shortness of breath AND are over 65, have a chronic medical condition such as asthma, heart disease, are pregnant or immunocompromised, should call their healthcare provider to discuss whether testing for COVID-19 is needed.

Not everyone needs to be tested for COVID-19.

Q. Where can I be tested for COVID-19? I heard there are drive-up clinics.

A: If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and are concerned, call you provider to discuss whether you should be tested. There are currently two drive-up clinics in Lewis County. Mary's Corner Medical clinic will do testing by appointment only, and Arbor Health Morton Hospital's drive-up testing is for healthcare worker, first responders, and those at highest risk.

Q: How long will it take for me to receive my test results?

A: This depends upon where your labs are being sent. The State Public Health Lab has a turnaround of at least 48 hours. Commercial labs, such as LabCorp and Quest, vary from 3-5 days

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