



COVID-19 TESTING *Keep Yourself and Others Safe!*

WHY IS COVID-19 TESTING IMPORTANT?



Testing helps control the spread of COVID-19 so we can get back to our normal lives. Taking a test is how you find out if you have COVID-19. You need to know if you have COVID-19 so you can take care of yourself and avoid giving it to other people.

WHO SHOULD GET A COVID-19 TEST?

You should get tested if:

- **You have COVID-19 symptoms.** This is true even if you have already gotten your COVID-19 shots. Symptoms are signs you might be sick. Some signs of COVID-19 are fever, cough, and a hard time breathing. All of the symptoms are listed on this website: <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/faqs/#faq1>
- **You were near someone who has COVID-19.** This means you were 6 feet or closer to them for 15 minutes or more.
- **You have not gotten your COVID-19 shots and participated in activities where you were close to other people.** Examples are traveling and being with large groups of people indoors.

Ask your doctor if you do not know if you should get tested.

WHAT IS THE COVID-19 TEST?

The test takes very little time. Usually, it involves briefly putting a swab (q-tip) into your nose. Then, the swab is sent to a lab to be tested for COVID-19. Most people say this is a little uncomfortable.



Most people get their test results in 1-2 days. Usually, you get to choose how you get your results. This might be a text, email, or phone call.

HOW CAN I GET TESTED FOR COVID-19?

FIND A TEST NEAR YOU

There are over 300 places to get a COVID-19 test in Maryland. That means there are places near you! To find a place to get tested use this QR code



(point your phone's camera at the code square and follow the instructions on your screen)

or visit this website:

<https://covidtest.maryland.gov>

MOBILE CLINIC TESTING

Organizations can ask a mobile clinic to come to their location to do testing.

To request a mobile clinic: call 855-MD-GoVAX (855-634-6829)

Or fill out an application using



this QR Code (point your phone's camera at the code square and follow the instructions on

your screen) or visit this website:

<https://governor.maryland.gov/govaxmobile/>

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR A COVID-19 TEST?

Usually, you do not have to pay for a COVID-19 test. Check with the place you want to get the test to see if there is a charge. If there is a charge, contact your health insurance company to see if they will pay. If you have Maryland Medicaid, it will pay for the test.



CAN I TAKE A COVID-19 TEST AT HOME?

Yes, there are COVID-19 tests you can take at home. You get the results in 15 minutes. You can get these tests at pharmacies and some stores without a prescription. They usually cost \$20 or more for two tests. Sometimes, health departments give out free test kits that you use at home. Check with your county health department.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

If your test is positive, it means you have COVID-19. You should:

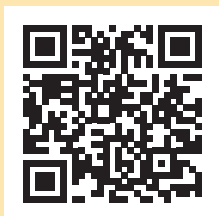
- Tell your doctor and stay in contact with them while you are sick.
- Stay home and away from other people for at least 10 days.
- Tell people you were in close contact with. They may have gotten COVID-19 by being around you. They need to know so they can take important steps, like getting tested and staying away from other people.



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Or visit this website:

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<https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/vaccine/govax/>

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