Anyone can get tested for COVID-19

BUT SHOULD THEY?

**FACT**
80% of people who get COVID-19 will have mild to moderate symptoms and recover without medical care.

**FACT**
A negative test result does not mean you will not get COVID-19.

**FACT**
A positive test for the virus that causes COVID-19 will not change your healthcare provider’s recommendations for medical care unless you are very sick and require hospitalization.

**FACT**
Test materials and personal protective equipment are needed to care for the very sick requiring hospitalization.

The **PEOPLE** at GREATEST NEED to be TESTED for the virus that causes COVID-19 are:

- **People who are hospitalized and have symptoms** *(fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea)* of COVID-19. This is important for the hospital to manage care of the patient and to protect others.

- **People who have symptoms of COVID-19 and are living in, or providing care to residents in, an institutional setting** *(long-term care facilities, assisted living centers, etc.)*
  This is important to ensure protection of persons at elevated risk of severe infection.

- **People who have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and are healthcare workers.**
  This is important to protect people who are hospitalized and those who are at higher risk of severe disease.

**IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE GROUP ABOVE AND YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE COVID-19,** stay home until you have had no fever for at least 24 hours *(that is no fever for one full day without the use of fever reducing medicine)* AND other symptoms have improved *(i.e. cough, shortness of breath etc.)* AND at least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

See [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html) for more steps you can take to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick.