

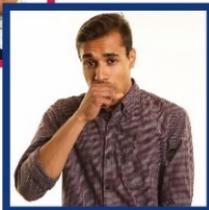
# Getting tested for COVID-19

## An Easy Read guide

### Who should get tested for COVID-19?



You should get tested for COVID-19 if you have any symptoms.



A symptom is a sign that you might be sick.

You might:

- see symptoms
- feel symptoms.

The symptoms of COVID-19 can be:



- fever



- scratchy or sore throat



- cough



- runny nose



- shortness of breath



- loss of your sense of taste



- loss of your sense of smell.



You should get tested if you have any of these symptoms.

## Where can you go to get tested for COVID-19?

You can get tested in different places, such as:



- at a hospital
- in your car at a drive through clinic
- at your local doctor's office
- at a COVID-19 clinic.



You can take someone with you to get tested but they must wear a mask.



You can find a list of COVID-19 clinics on the NSW Health website.



[www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/clinics.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/clinics.aspx)



You can call the National Coronavirus Helpline to ask about a place where you can get tested that is:

- close to where you live
- easy for you to use.



1800 020 080



You can also call Service NSW to get more information.

13 77 88



You should call 000 if you have a medical emergency.



You can call these numbers 24 hours a day.

## What is it like to get tested for COVID-19?



COVID-19 testing is:

- easy
- quick
- free.

The person who does your test will wear:



- a mask
- a gown
- gloves
- an eye mask or a face shield.



The person who does your test will ask you:

- what symptoms you have
- who you have seen lately
- where you have been lately.



The person who does your test will take a swab from inside your:

- throat
- nose.



A swab is a long stick with cotton on the end.



The test might be a bit uncomfortable.



It might make:

- you cough or sneeze
- your eyes water.



It will be over quickly.

The person who does your test will tell you:



- what you must do next



- how you can get your results.



You can get your results by:

- text
- phone call.



You can ask the person who does your test to send your results to someone you trust, such as a:

- family member
- carer.



You must go straight home and self-isolate after your COVID-19 test.

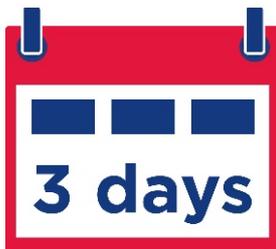


This means while you wait for your results, you should not:

- leave your home
- have visitors at your home.



But you can still let people who give you care and support into your home.



You should get the results of your COVID-19 test within 3 days.



If you don't get your results within 3 days, you should contact the place where you got tested.

## Get more information



You can call the National Coronavirus Helpline to get more information about COVID-19, or the COVIDSafe App.



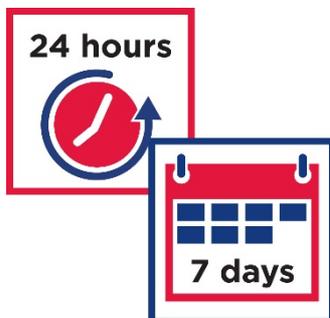
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You can also call Service NSW about support from the NSW Government during COVID-19.



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You can call us:

- 24 hours a day
- 7 days a week.



[www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

You can use the National Relay Service if you:



- are deaf
- have a hearing or speech impairment.



You can call the National Relay Service on **133 677**



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