

CDHD Testing Site FAQs

How much is the COVID-19 test?

The test is free at CDHD community testing sites.

Who should get tested?

Everyone is encouraged to get tested, especially:

- People who believe they were exposed to someone who has COVID-19.
- People with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Populations with higher rates of COVID-19:
 - Individuals exposed to an outbreak in a congregate setting (e.g. long-term care facility, shelter, correctional setting, agricultural worker temporary housing, meatpacking plant, etc.)
 - People who have been in large group settings.
 - Alaska Native, American Indian, Black, Hawaiian, Latinx, & Pacific Islander.
- All newborns born to parents who are suspect of having or who have tested COVID-19 positive.
- People undergoing procedures that increase the risk of aerosolized particle spread.
- People undergoing invasive surgical procedures (if possible, test within 48 hours of the procedure).
- People caring for a vulnerable or at-risk group.

Can children get tested?

Minors can get tested with permission from a guardian.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

- Fever or Chills.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle or body aches.
- Diarrhea.
- Headache.
- New loss of taste or smell.
- Sore throat.
- Stuffy or runny nose.
- Nausea or vomiting.

What kind of test is it? Does it hurt to get tested?

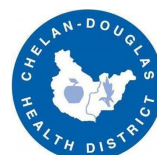
It is a nasal swab test. It is not painful, just uncomfortable for a moment.

If you don't have a car, will the drive-thru testing sites accept walk-ups?

You can drive up, walk up, or bike up at the testing sites. A vehicle is not required.

Do people need to make an appointment to get tested at the drive-thru testing site?

No appointment is necessary. Testing is provided on a first come, first serve basis.



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Will there be interpreters available?

Translators are available to assist if there is a need.

What information do I need to share about the person being tested?

There is no requirement to show identification. Individuals are asked to share contact information, so they can receive their results. In June, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued new guidance requiring some demographic data is collected, to include: race, ethnicity, age, and sex.

Why should people be tested and why now?

Being tested for COVID-19 is important for public health so that disease transmission can be tracked and interrupted to help prevent the spread of this virus. A positive test for COVID-19 alerts individuals that they have the infection, allowing them to take steps and self-isolate or quarantine to protect their loved-ones, friends, and community members. Testing and early identification allows for public health agencies to start contact tracing to slow and prevent the spread of the disease.

Initially, tests and supplies were limited across the nation. However, supplies, equipment and capacity to test has improved with results available within 3-4 days. There are now enough supplies to collect and process tests.

Where can I get more information in Spanish and English?

For current testing dates and locations, visit our website at <https://cdhd.wa.gov/>, follow us on Facebook [@ChelanDouglasHD](#) and Twitter [@ChelanDouglasHD](#), or people can call our hotline - English (509) 886-6476 or Spanish (509) 886-6477.

