

# Testing for COVID-19

## What tests are available for COVID-19?



Viral test – tells you if you are infected. It involves taking a swab from your nose.

Antibody test – tells you if you have already had the infection. This is a blood test.

## Who should be tested?

- People with mild symptoms may not need to be tested.
- If you have symptoms and want to get tested, call your healthcare providers first.
- Decisions about testing are made by state and local healthcare departments.

## Where can I get tested for COVID-19?

- Contact your state and local health departments and medical providers.
- Testing locations can be found all over MN at <https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/testing-locations/index.jsp>

## What are the results for the COVID-19 tests?



If you test positive, take protective steps to care for yourself and those around you.

If you test negative, you do not have COVID-19 at the time of testing. This doesn't mean you won't get sick. Take protective measures to protect yourself and others.

## Will I be immune to COVID-19 if I have recovered from it?



It is still unknown if anyone can become re-infected or if you can get sick with COVID-19 more than once. Until more is known, continue to take protective measures.

## Resources to Call if You Need to Talk to Someone



MDH has a COVID-19 public hotline that is open 7AM to 7PM at **(651) 201-3920**.

Information about symptoms of COVID-19 can be found on MDH's [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) website](#),

### Sources:

CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Symptoms-&-Testing>

MDH - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2020/covid031720.html>