

Should I Get Tested for COVID-19?

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You should get tested for COVID-19 if you:

- Have symptoms of COVID-19
- Have come into close contact with someone with COVID-19
 - Check for infection at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19. The date of the last close contact is considered day 0.
- Are not fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine and are prioritized for expanded community screening for COVID-19
- Are not fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine and have been asked or referred to get testing by your school, workplace, healthcare provider, state, tribal, local, or territorial health department

You do **not** need to be tested for COVID-19 if you have tested positive within the past 3 months **and** recovered, **as long as you do not develop new symptoms.**

Symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms range from mild to severe and may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

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



For more information, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/diagnostic-testing.html>

