

Post-COVID-19 Testing Information

Testing for COVID-19 is one of the most important tools that we have against the coronavirus. The purpose of this pharmacy-based program is to increase and improve Ontario's ability to determine the prevalence of COVID-19 infection across the Ontario population and to understand the spread and presence of COVID-19 in the province.

Here is some information to guide you on next steps:

As long as you remain asymptomatic, you do not need to self-isolate while you are waiting for your result.

- Tests for COVID-19 can only detect the virus at the time of the swab collection and provide only a point in time result. If your test result is negative, you may still go on to develop COVID-19 if you have been exposed in the last 14 days.
- By law, you must self-isolate for at least 14 days after a positive test result, even if you do not have any symptoms. If you get any symptoms, you must stay in self-isolation for 14 days after your symptoms appear or until your symptoms have cleared, whichever is later.
- If you test positive, anyone who has been in close contact with you would also, by law, self-isolate for at least 14 days and watch for symptoms.
- It will take about 3-4 days for the pharmacy to receive the results from the lab after samples are received by the lab.
- If your test result is positive, you will be contacted by Public Health for information and instructions. If you begin to show symptoms prior to being contacted which include a fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat or runny nose, please immediately self-isolate and call 1-866-797-0000 or your local public health unit. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.
- The pharmacist will call you to provide you with results of the test. If you have a Green health card, you can also access your results online [COVID-19 Test Results portal \(https://covid-19.ontario.ca/\)](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/).
- If you have any questions about your health following discharge today, please reach out to 1-866-797-0000 or your local public health unit.