

# Who is eligible for a free COVID-19 test?

## You are eligible for free diagnostic testing at a participating testing location:

### If you are experiencing these symptoms:

- If you are **experiencing** at least **one** of these symptoms:
  - Fever and/or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Decrease or loss of smell or taste

- For **adults over 18 years of age**, symptoms can include:
  - Fatigue (general feeling of being unwell, lack of energy) that is unusual or unexplained
  - Muscle aches and pain that are unexplained, unusual, or long lasting

- For **children under 18 years of age**, symptoms can include:
  - Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea

### If you are experiencing less common symptoms, including:

- Sore throat
- Rhinorrhea (runny nose)

- Nasal congestion (stuffy nose)
- Abdominal pain
- Headache
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Decreased or lack of appetite

### If you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19:

- Regardless of your vaccination status, if you have been exposed to a confirmed case and notified by a:
  - Public Health Unit
  - notification from the COVID Alert App
  - confirmed outbreak investigation

### If you are part of one of the following groups of people:


- Residents of a homeless shelter
- Workers (including support workers), visitors (including caregivers) and government inspectors of long-term care homes
- Temporary foreign workers, including for the purpose of international travel to return to a country of origin
- Individuals who identify as Indigenous

**Note:** Symptoms should not be related to other known causes or conditions, including receiving a COVID-19 vaccine and/or influenza vaccine in the past 48 hours.





 **If you are part of one of the following groups of people (continued):**


- Individuals, and one accompanying caregiver, with written prior approval from the General Manager, OHIP, for out-of country medical services
- Individuals who are travelling into and out of remote/isolated First Nation and Indigenous communities for work purposes

 **If you are not fully vaccinated and have been advised to be tested for the purpose of admission or transfer to one of the following settings:**

- Admissions to hospital from another hospital, long-term care home, retirement home or other congregate living setting/institution (including group homes and equivalent higher-risk settings, such as homeless shelters, community supported living, disability-specific communities/congregate settings, short-term rehab, hospices, other shelters)
- Patients entering a residential treatment facility (e.g. a mental health or addiction program)
- Transfers from, or repatriation to community hospitals and regional tertiary/quaternary centres; or
- Transfers from an acute site to a post-acute site (e.g. patient transferred from hospital to complex continuing care/rehab) within a multi-site organization

 **If you received a positive antigen point-of-care test result or a positive self-testing device result and are seeking a diagnostic test to confirm if you have COVID-19.**

 **If you are not fully vaccinated and your health care provider has recommended that you get tested 24-48 hours prior to a scheduled (non-urgent/emergent) surgery in a hospital or other surgical setting (e.g. independent health facility, etc).<sup>1</sup>**

 **If your health care provider has requested that you get tested before treatment or an appointment (i.e. hematopoietic cell therapy, radiation or systemic cancer treatment, etc.)**

**You are not eligible for free diagnostic testing if you are seeking testing:**

- As part of a vaccine policy or mandate.
- To satisfy a travel requirement, unless you are a temporary foreign worker returning to your country of origin or are travelling into and out of remote/isolated First Nation and Indigenous communities for work purposes.
- For entry to a private venue, event or gathering which requires a negative test result to enter.

<sup>1</sup> This is at the discretion of the health care provider, as per [COVID-19 Provincial Testing and Clearance Guidance](#).