

COVID TESTING

-what you need to know-

It is important to understand testing, when you should get tested and who should be tested. Residents in Jefferson County have options on testing and resources to help understand what happens when/if you test positive.

WHO SHOULD BE TESTED?

- Individuals experiencing symptoms of the COVID-19 Virus.
- Individuals who have been instructed by a public health agency.
- People who have been asked or referred by their physician to be tested.
- When testing is needed to contain an epidemic in a community with high-level transmission (i.e. the number of positive cases exceeds the capacity of health care providers' capabilities).

WHEN?

- After coming in contact with someone who has tested positive, you should wait 5 days to be tested for COVID-19, or when you are exhibiting symptoms of the virus.
- If the test result is negative it may mean you were negative at the time of testing and you still need to continue quarantine for 14 days.

WHERE ?

- Testing is available at your local hospital or may be available at your physician's office.
- Community testing sites can be found at:
<https://sites.google.com/view/jeffersoncountywicovid-19/home>
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm>

TYPES OF TESTS

Currently there are two types of tests available:

- A diagnostic test that will show if you have an active COVID virus in your body.
 - The PCR test detects the virus' genetic material.
 - The antigen test detects the specific proteins on the surface of the virus.
- Antibody tests confirm the past presence of the virus in your body

AFTER YOUR TEST

- You should isolate in your home after a test until you receive the result, usually within a few days, you should continue to isolate in your home if you have a positive test result.
- You should inform contacts that you have been tested and are waiting for your results, and are still experiencing symptoms. Stay home until you are well.
- If test comes back with a positive result, work with the local public health department for contact tracing.

TESTING AVAILABILITY

Testing is available for everyone. If you have come into contact with someone who has tested positive, or if you are experiencing symptoms, contact your health care provider.

QUESTIONS?

If you are concerned that you have been exposed or you have questions you can contact your physician or the Jefferson County Public Health Department at 920-674-7275