



GET THE FACTS ON COVID-19 TESTING



1 Testing helps find cases. Testing helps disrupt the spread of the disease through isolation and quarantine. Disrupting the spread helps reopen businesses.

2 Many people do not know when or if they have been exposed to COVID-19. Regular testing helps the county know where the disease currently is and where it is not.

3 Not all tests are the same. PCR swab tests are the most accurate type of test.

4 The state only counts PCR swab testing to determine the frequency of the disease in the community.

5 Tests are available for anyone, without or without symptoms, and regardless of insurance.

6 The timeframe for results on a PCR swab test is 2-3 days, sometimes sooner. This timeframe makes disease disruption possible.

7 Appointments are required for county and state-run testing sites. Same day appointments are available at most locations.

8 A flu shot will not create a false positive in the COVID-19 test.

9 PCR swab tests have a very low false positive rate. If COVID-19 is detected in a PCR swab test, it is accurate.