Should I get tested for Covid-19?

Not everyone needs to be tested for COVID-19. Most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home. There is no special treatment for COVID-19 and even if you get tested, you will receive the same medical advice. For more information, see What to do if you’re sick.

Testing is indicated for people with symptoms who are at higher risk. If you’re over 60 or with underlying medical conditions, call your health care provider to see whether you need to be tested. If you don’t have a health care provider or medical insurance, there are approximately 165 community health centers throughout Chicago, so find one that is close to you at findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov. Call ahead and they will work with you to coordinate appropriate care.

Where can I get tested?

If you have symptoms and are in one of the high risk groups, call your healthcare provider to see whether they recommend you be tested for COVID-19. If your healthcare provider recommends testing but cannot perform it at their office, they might be able to refer you to another location such as an urgent care facility. While emergency departments can do testing, we recommend that you only go there if it’s an emergency. If you do not have health insurance, please see our guidance for the uninsured.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has developed a list of testing sites that includes locations, hours of operation, and requirements. The list is updated daily. For more information, see dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid-19-testing-sites.
South Side Christian Community Health Center
9718 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60628
Hours:10:00am-3:00pm
Days of Operation: Tuesday-Thursday
- Requirements: Appointment required.
- Website or COVID Hotline: 773-233-4100

Howard Brown Health & Project Vida
2659 S. Kedvale Ave
Chicago, IL 60623
Hours:10:00am-4:30pm, 10:00am-3:00pm
Days of Operation: Monday-Friday, Saturday
- Requirements: Flu-like symptoms or direct contact with a known covid19 positive
- Website or COVID Hotline: 773-388-1600

TCA Health, Inc.
8425 S. Cottage Grove
Chicago, IL 60619
Hours:10:00am-1:00pm
Days of Operation: Monday-Friday
- Requirements: Appt required. Testing available to fq patients only. Must be referred by FQ provider.
- Website or COVID Hotline:

TCA Health, Inc.
1029 E. 130th St.
Chicago, IL 60628
Hours:10:00am-1:00pm
Days of Operation: Monday-Friday
- Requirements: Appointment required. Testing available to fq patients only. Must be referred by FQ provider.
- Website or COVID Hotline:

U Chicago Medicine
5841 S. Maryland Ave.
Chicago, IL 60637
Hours:
Days of Operation:
- Requirements: Testing is available by appointment only.
- Website or COVID Hotline:
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Howard Brown Health 55th St.
1525 E. 55th St
Chicago, IL 60637
Hours: 10:00am-4:30pm
Days of Operation: Monday-Friday
· Requirements: Flu-like symptoms or direct contact with a known covid19 positive
· Website or COVID Hotline: 773-388-1600

Howard Brown Health 63rd St
641 W. 63rd St
Chicago, IL 60637
Hours: 10:00am-4:30pm
Days of Operation: Monday-Friday
· Requirements: Flu-like symptoms or direct contact with a known covid19 positive
· Website or COVID Hotline: 773-388-1600

I don’t have a doctor/health insurance. Where can I get care?

You can find care at Community Health Centers. Below are CHCs in South Shore. [Linked here](#) is a worksheet for additional guidance if you are uninsured. These are not necessarily locations where you can be tested for covid-19; these are locations where you can get general medical care if you are uninsured or do not have a doctor.

Access Community Health Network
7200 S. Ingleside Ave.
Chicago, IL 60619

Chicago Family Health Center
9119 S. Exchange Ave.
Chicago, IL 60617

Friend Family Health Center
800 East 55th Street
Chicago, IL 60615

Howard Brown Health
1525 E. 55th Street
Chicago, IL 60637

TCA Health, Inc
8425 Cottage Grove Ave.
Chicago, IL 60619
I don’t have money for food. Where can I find food near me?

Below are some nearby locations to secure free food during the crisis. You can also contact the Greater Chicago Food Depository for locations in other neighborhoods and an opportunity to get food delivered if you are in need: [https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/](https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/)

**Muhammad Univ of Islam Pantry**  
7351 South Stony Island Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60649  
Phone: (773) 643-0700  
Hours: 10am-1pm  
Days of Operation: 4th Wednesday of the month

**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**  
7435 South Kingston Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60649  
Phone: (773) 933-7654  
Hours: 10am-12pm  
Days of Operation: 2nd Monday of the month

**Windsor Park Lutheran Church**  
2619 East 76th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60649  
Phone: (773) 768-1812  
Hours: 10am-12pm  
Days of Operation: Saturdays

**Bryn Mawr Community Foundation**  
7000 South Jeffery Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60649  
Phone: (773) 324-2403  
Hours: 11am-1pm  
Days of Operation: Saturdays

**St. Philip Neri Catholic Church/ Our Lady of Peace**  
2132 East 72nd Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60649  
Phone: (773) 363-1700  
Hours: 10am-12pm
Days of Operation: Tuesdays

**Messiah St. Bartholomew Church**
8255 South Dante Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60619
Phone: (773) 721-3232
Hours: 8am-10am
Days of Operation: Fridays