



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.