WHY WE TEST FOR COVID-19 AND WHERE TO GO

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To protect the most vulnerable and ensure we keep schools, businesses, long-term care homes and other vital services open. To achieve this, we must prioritize testing so we can find positive cases and trace their contacts in the fastest way possible. The more time spent on low priority testing, the harder it is to stop the spread of disease.

WHO WE PRIORITIZE

1. THOSE WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS
2. PART OF MINISTRY TESTING INITIATIVE (e.g. visitors, residents and workers at long-term care homes and retirement homes)
3. NO COVID-19 SYMPTOMS
4. NO KNOWN EXPOSURE
5. NOT PART OF MINISTRY TESTING INITIATIVE

WHERE TO GO

1. LOCAL ASSESSMENT CENTRE
2. LOCAL ASSESSMENT CENTRE OR SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT AT A PARTICIPATING PHARMACY
3. DON'T GET TESTED!

Don't get tested! Do your part to stop the spread by:
- Keeping your social circle as small as you can.
- Maintaining physical distance at all times.
- Wearing a mask.
- Downloading the COVID-19 Alert App.

A. covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening
B. Exposure confirmed by public health or COVID Alert App
C. A resident, student or employee in a setting that has a COVID-19 outbreak, as identified and informed by your local public health unit
D. Includes residents, workers and visitors in long-term care homes and retirement homes, residents or workers in homeless shelters, international students that have passed their 14 day quarantine period, farm workers, Indigenous communities and other specific populations as outlined in guidance from the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

You can find assessment centres here: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations/