

COVID-19 Testing in Ohio

Help prevent the spread of COVID-19



<p>Priority 1</p>	<p>Ohioans with symptoms who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitalized. • Healthcare workers. This includes behavioral health providers, home health workers, nursing facility and assisted living employees, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), housekeepers and others who work in healthcare and congregate living settings.*
<p>Priority 2</p>	<p>Ohioans with symptoms who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of long-term care/congregate living settings. • First responders/public health workers/critical infrastructure workers. • 65 and older. • Living with underlying conditions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Consideration should be given for testing racial and ethnic minorities with underlying illness, as they are disproportionately affected by adverse COVID-19 outcomes. <p>Ohioans without symptoms who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents or staff potentially exposed to COVID-19 detected in a in long-term care/congregate living setting. <p>Other Ohioans who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated by public health officials, to evaluate/manage community outbreaks (such as in workplaces, other large gatherings).
<p>Priority 3</p>	<p>Ohioans with and without symptoms who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving essential surgeries/procedures, including those who were reassessed after a delay. • Receiving other medically necessary procedures. • Receiving non-essential/elective surgeries/procedures.
<p>Priority 4</p>	<p>Individuals in the community to decrease community spread, including individuals with symptoms who do not meet any of the above categories.</p>
<p>Priority 5</p>	<p>Asymptomatic individuals not mentioned above.</p>

*Congregate living settings are those where more than six people live and where there is a propensity for rapid person-to-person spread of infectious disease. (Some examples are assisted living/nursing centers; Ohio Veterans Homes; residential facilities for mental health/substance use treatment; psychiatric hospitals/group homes; centers/facilities/group homes for people with intellectual disabilities; homeless and domestic violence shelters; youth detention centers; prisons; and jails.)