

I have questions about testing.

How do I know if I need a test?

+ Who needs to be tested for COVID-19?

There are two reasons you should be evaluated by a medical professional and possibly tested for COVID-19:

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of taste
- Loss of sense of smell
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Nasal congestion
- Runny nose

If you have had close contact exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- Close contact exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer.
- Testing is not indicated following a close contact exposure until at least five days has passed since the date of the close contact exposure—unless you develop symptoms.

+ How will I know if I have had a close contact exposure with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

- A close contact notifies you that he or she has tested positive for COVID-19 and informs you that you are at risk.
- A medical provider or contact tracer determines that you have had a close contact exposure and contacts you.

+ Do I have to be tested at the Auburn University Medical Clinic?

- No. You can seek medical care and testing at other locations if needed. The Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard and COVID-19 Table provides a list of testing sites in Alabama.
- Mucus testing (which tests for active COVID-19 infection) is required to make clinical decisions.



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What should I do if I find out that I have had close contact exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

- Review [employee](#) or [student decision tree](#) to determine if quarantine is required
- Students that need to quarantine according to CDC guidance are responsible for notifying faculty members of the reason for their absences in a timely manner.
- It is the responsibility of an employee that needs to quarantine according to CDC guidance to contact their supervisor to discuss work
- Monitor temperature at least once a day
- Monitor symptoms
- Wash hands, use hand sanitizer, disinfect high-touch surfaces
- If symptoms develop, seek medical care for evaluation

