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. Find a list of testing locations in the Auburn / Opelika area here.
- 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?

- Complete the [self-report exposure form](#)
- Review [employee](#) or [student decision tree](#) to determine if quarantine is required
- Notify your faculty
- 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