



Testing for COVID-19

We are not a designated COVID-19 Testing Center, we are a Critical Access Hospital with Rural Health Clinics; COVID-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Providers will order tests as they deem medically necessary.

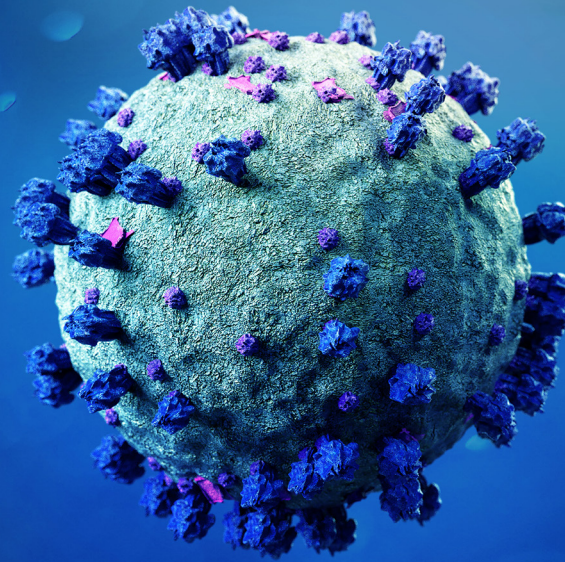
Who is being tested?

Forks Community Hospital is following the State-mandated guidelines on testing which is to test those with symptoms of COVID-19 first and foremost, then those who have had close contact with those who have tested positive, then those who live in closed communities and are high risk, such as long term care facilities, etc. There is a list of 6 items on this guidance and # 5 is "routine screenings of other populations is not recommended." While a case could be made for testing anybody and everybody, at this time, our state is not recommending or supporting this. The State Mandated Guidelines on testing can be found at

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What is the process?

- You will not be personally charged for the COVID-19 lab test; if you see charges for the test itself please contact Patient Financial Services at 360.374.4391- Your Insurance will be billed.
- **As we are not a COVID-19 testing center, you will see a bill for the other portions of your medical appointment.**
- If you do not have insurance, we have a program that will pay the bill for both the visit and the COVID test.
- For more information regarding COVID-19 and testing, please call the Department of Health at 1-800-525-0127 and press # between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Language assistance is available.



Testing and Turn Around Time

Turn- Around

Turn-around times have gotten substantially better! We started with an average 8 day turn-around time, and now we are down to a consistent 1 – 2 days with the option for a 45 minute test when the information is critical. 45 minute tests kits are very limited.

Accuracy

We are using bioMerieux BioFire Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) which performs a qualitative detection and differentiation of nucleic acid of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The manufacturer notes a specificity (true positive rate) of 97.1% and 99.3% sensitivity (true negative rate). COVID-19 tests that are sent out with LabCorp are comparable in specificity and sensitivity. They use Cobas PCR.

What to Expect

You may be asked to go to the triage trailer at Bogachiel Clinic or specified COVID-19 room at Forks Community Hospital. You may be asked to go home and a medical professional will call you to triage and give you additional instructions. Clallam Bay residents please call 360.963.2202 for area-specific instructions.

Get in touch

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