



## WHO SHOULD GET TESTED?

As Texas businesses re-open, everyone needs to continue to take precautions to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Testing remains one of our most powerful tools to stop the spread of COVID-19 and ensure our community is healthy and thriving.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF TESTING

- Identifies COVID-19 positive patients so they may self-isolate and reduce the spread of disease.
- Identifies asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19.
- Ensures symptoms similar to allergies, colds, or the flu are not COVID-19 related.
- Enables public health officials to track and prevent the spread of COVID-19 through contact tracing

### WHO SHOULD GET TESTED?

- People experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- People who have been exposed to a person who is COVID-19 positive.
- First responders & healthcare professionals.
- People who work with populations at a higher risk for severe illness.
- Workers who interact with the community

### SHOULD I BE TESTED FOR COVID-19?

People with COVID-19 can have a wide arrange of symptoms that vary from mild to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to someone that has the COVID-19 virus.

### SOME OF THE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS ARE:

- Cough
- Difficulty Breathing
- Fever/Chills
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- New Loss of Taste or Smell

\*\*This is not a complete list of symptoms. Symptoms vary from person to person. Some people that test positive for COVID-19 have no symptoms at all. Please consult your medical provider with questions or concerns that you may have about your symptoms. You can also visit the CDC's website for current information regarding symptoms at

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms)