

COVID-19: Who Should Get Tested?



People who have symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested if exposed, even if fully vaccinated or recently recovered.



People who have had close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19 should get tested if exposed unless fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19 in past 3 months.



People who have taken part in activities that put them at higher risk for COVID-19 because they cannot physically distance as needed (attending large social or mass gatherings, or being in crowded indoor settings) should get tested if concerned about exposure.



People who must travel should get tested (viral test) 1-3 days before travel and 3-5 days after travel.



People who have been advised to get tested by a health care provider or health department should get tested.



People in congregate living (group living) settings, such as prisons and shelters, should get tested if exposed--even if fully vaccinated--if those groups offer regular testing programs.



Fully vaccinated people and people who have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months with no COVID-19 symptoms do not need to be tested following an exposure to someone with COVID-19.