

COVID-19 Testing

At UW Medicine facilities

This handout explains how to be tested for the COVID-19 coronavirus at UW Medicine facilities.

Do I need to be tested for COVID-19?

Signs of early COVID-19 include a new cough, fever, and feeling short of breath. If you have these symptoms, you may want to be tested.

To find out if you should be tested, choose one of these options:

- Visit **uwmedicine.org/coronavirus/testing** to:
 - Set up a telehealth visit with a provider.
 - Use our UW Medicine COVID-19 virtual assistant.
 - Make a UW Medicine Virtual Clinic appointment.
- Call **206.520.8700** to:
 - Schedule testing or a telehealth appointment.
 - Talk to a nurse about your symptoms.

You will be directed on next steps with each of these options.

Making Your Appointment

You **must** set up an appointment for your COVID-19 test. We cannot accept walk-ins at the test sites.

When you make your appointment, be ready to give us your name, date of birth, address, and phone number. We will also ask for your insurance information. We will place all this information in your electronic health record.

We will then set up your test time and explain how to prepare.

Drive-Up and Walk-Up Testing

Some test sites are “drive-up” only. Stay in your car for testing at these sites. Both Harborview Medical Center and UWMC - Northwest have a walk-up option.



Some test sites are drive-up only.



Testing for Younger Patients

Harborview Medical Center offers testing for people of all ages. All other sites test only those who are 14 years of age and older.

COVID-19 Test Before Surgery and Procedures

If you are having surgery that will use general anesthesia, **you should be tested for COVID-19 within the 72 hours before your surgery.** Please work with your clinic team to schedule this test.

Questions?

We are here to help you. If you have any questions, please call the UW Medicine COVID-19 Patient Phone Number, 206.520.8700.

Test Sites and Hours

These clinics are good options if you are well enough to drive to the site. **Testing is by appointment only.** If you do not have an appointment, we cannot do your test. Hours may change.

UWMC - Northwest Campus

1560 North 115th St.
Parking Garage
Seattle, WA 98133

**7 days a week:
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Accepting ambulance and tri-med patients; drive-up and walk-up patients by appointment only.

Harborview Medical Center

319 Terry Ave., Seattle, WA 98104

**7 days a week:
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Accepting drive-up and walk-up patients, by appointment only.

Valley Medical Center

400 South 43rd St., Renton, WA 98055

Monday-Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Follow signs to **Mobile Care Unit** behind the Northwest Pavilion.*

What to Do

- Please do **not** bring pets with you.
- For drive-up clinics, you will stay in your vehicle. **Please keep your window rolled up until we ask you to lower it.**
- Have your photo ID handy when you arrive at the testing site. Our staff will check your ID through your closed window.
- We will tell you when to roll down your window. A nurse or medical assistant will then take a sample by inserting a thin swab into both of your nostrils.
- After your test, we will give you a packet of information.
- If needed, we will give you a parking pass to leave the lot. Place it on your dashboard or hold it up to your window when exiting. Do **not** roll down your window to give the pass to the attendant.

Results

- It may take up to 1 to 2 days to receive your results. Please do **not** call the clinic, lab, or emergency department for your results.
- We suggest you sign up for your online patient portal before your appointment. You will be able to log in to your account to get your results. This will help you get your results more quickly.