

TEST & TRACE CORPS

The Test & Trace Corps fights COVID-19 so that New Yorkers can get back to school, work and leading their lives. It is a program run by the City of New York through NYC Health + Hospitals, our public hospital system.

The Test & Trace Corps helps New Yorkers get **free and easy testing** for COVID-19.

It makes sure anyone with the virus gets care and can safely separate for now from their family to prevent the spread.

And it **searches for people who had close contact** with someone testing positive, so that they can get tested and get help too.

Get tested if you:

- Have COVID-19 symptoms like fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell and taste
- Have close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19
- Work at a nursing home, shelter or adult care facility, or work as a first responder or health care worker

Testing Locations:

There are over 100 sites across New York City, with more added every week. Find one near you by calling 311 or at [NYC.Gov/COVIDTest](https://www.nyc.gov/covidtest). Testing is provided at no cost and regardless of immigration status.

How Testing Works:

The COVID test is safe, fast and simple.

Tests may require a nasal swab, saliva sample or oral swab.

While you're waiting for results, protect yourself and your family: assume you're positive and safely separate.

Testing Positive:

You'll generally receive test results within one to two days. If you test positive, that means you have COVID-19 and are at risk of spreading it to others. A "Tracer" will contact you by phone promptly to make sure you get the medical care and support you need.

Safely Separate:

You will need to stay away from others while you have COVID-19. Your Tracer will make sure you have the food, medicine and other help you need brought right to you so you don't have to leave home.

If you can't safely separate from family members in your own home, your Tracer will help arrange a hotel room for you free of charge so you can keep your family from getting sick, too. You'll have 24/7 monitoring by skilled nurses and clinicians, all meals provided, access to mental health and wellness supports, and free unlimited local phone calls to stay connected to loved ones.

Tracing Contacts:

Your Tracer will ask questions about who you've had close contact with recently, including family, friends and coworkers. The Test & Trace Corps will then reach out and prioritize them for testing to see if they have COVID-19, too. It's important to be honest in this process so we can find anyone possibly exposed to the virus.

Fighting COVID-19 depends on New Yorkers doing their part:

Get tested.

Help trace your contacts.

Safely separate

Learn more at [NYC.Gov/COVIDTest](https://www.nyc.gov/covidtest).