

# I have questions about testing.

## How do I know if I need a test?

### + Who needs to be tested for COVID-19?

There are two reasons you should be evaluated by a medical professional and possibly tested for COVID-19:

#### If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of taste
- Loss of sense of smell
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Nasal congestion
- Runny nose

#### If you have had close contact exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

- Close contact exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer.
- Testing is not indicated following a close contact exposure until at least five days has passed since the date of the close contact exposure—unless you develop symptoms.

### + How will I know if I have had a close contact exposure with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

- A close contact notifies you that he or she has tested positive for COVID-19 and informs you that you are at risk.
- You receive an alert from the [Exposure Notification App](#) that you have had close contact proximity to someone who has tested positive.
- A medical provider or contact tracer determines that you have had a close contact exposure and contacts you.

### + Do I have to be tested at the Auburn University Medical Clinic?

- No. You can seek medical care and testing at other locations if needed. Find a list of testing locations in the Auburn / Opelika area [here](#).
- Mucus testing (which tests for active COVID-19 infection) is required to make clinical decisions.



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### + What do I do if my roommate or suitemate tests positive for COVID-19?

- If you live off campus, self-quarantine immediately and monitor your symptoms.
- If you live on campus, immediately quarantine, monitor your symptoms and contact the [Auburn University Medical Clinic](#) at 334-844-9825 or an alternative testing location to make an appointment to get tested.

### + What should I do if I find out that I have had close contact exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

- Self-quarantine for 14 days
- Notify your faculty
- Attend classes remotely
- Monitor temperature at least once a day
- Monitor symptoms
- Do not leave home except for essential activities such as medical appointments
- Do not host gatherings or entertain guests in your home or dorm
- Do not interact with anyone except immediate family or roommates
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from other people
- Wear a face covering when around others
- Wash hands, use hand sanitizer, disinfect high-touch surfaces
- If symptoms develop, seek medical care for evaluation

