

Testing & Clearance Guidance for Workplaces (Non-Health Care Settings)

Who can get tested for COVID-19?

It is encouraged that employees complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment](#) and follow the recommendations outlined in their result. Generally, people can get tested for COVID-19 if they:

1. Have at least one symptom of COVID-19.
2. Have been exposed to COVID-19, as informed by their public health unit or exposure notification through the COVID Alert app.
3. Work in a setting that has a COVID-19 outbreak, as identified and informed by their local public health unit.
4. Are eligible for testing as part of a targeted testing initiative directed by the Ministry of Health or Ministry of Long-Term Care.

When can employees return to work after testing positive for COVID-19?

- Employees will be cleared by Public Health following the guidelines as outlined in the [WDGPH Guidance After COVID-19 Testing](#).
- Employees **do not need to be retested** to return to work safely.
- Public Health is unable to provide return to work clearance letters for each positive case.

Can a workplace require employees to get tested before starting or returning to work?

Workplaces should follow the guidance described above and should not require employees to have pre-placement or clearance testing done.

Please review our website for more information: wdgpublichealth.ca