

COVID-19 Testing in Nova Scotia

Testing is available for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19. All Nova Scotians qualify for rapid antigen testing, while those at increased risk of severe illness also qualify for PCR (lab) testing.



PCR Testing

Available for people who have symptoms AND are at higher risk for severe illness. Book an appointment using online self-assessment tool or call 811. Find out if you are eligible for a PCR at nshealth.ca/coronavirustesting.

You can access your PCR test results (negative, positive and indeterminate) if you have a valid provincial health card (from any province), student ID or testing registration number, in the following ways:

Email	Email results may be received 24 hours a day. Check your "Junk" folder for your test results. Look for an email from noreply@nshealth.ca . It is important to register with the correct email address (double check it when you arrive for your test), it cannot be changed once you have been tested.
Auto-call	If you do not access your email result, you will receive an automated call - often between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. If you are waiting for a test result, keep your phone with you and turned on. The "caller ID" may show as unknown number, unknown name or an unfamiliar out-of-province number. Please answer. The auto-call will try two times.
Online	To access your results online visit c19results.nshealth.ca
Phone	If you do not have a valid provincial health card, student ID or registration number, or if you are not able to access the results online, you will need to call Public Health at 1-844-996-0694 at least 48 hours after your PCR test. You will be asked to leave your name, phone number, date of birth and date you were tested, and one of our team members will return your call with your results.



If Negative

- Stay home if you still have symptoms.
- Follow the instructions at nshealth.ca/i-have-covid-19-symptoms



If Positive

- Follow the instructions at nshealth.ca/testedpositiveforcovid
- Complete the Report and Support screening form at c19hc.nshealth.ca/self-report or call **1-833-797-7772** if you do not have access to the internet or need assistance.



If Indeterminate

- If you have symptoms, you need to book another test: covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/en



To access test results you will need to enter the last four digits of your health card or ID. Test results are typically available within 1-3 days. If it has been more than 48 hours call Public Health at 1-844-996-0694.

Indeterminate test results means that your last test did not detect a clear positive OR negative result.

It was unable to accurately detect COVID-19. Your result could be indeterminate if:

- You are currently infected with COVID-19 but the test was done too early to detect the virus
- **OR** you were recently infected with COVID-19 and the test is detecting small amounts of non-viable (dead) virus
- **OR** there was a problem with your sample or the test itself.

Rapid Antigen Testing

Rapid tests are recommended for anyone who has symptoms and is not at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

I have symptoms: Rapid tests are available at COVID-19 Testing Centres or a Public Health Mobile Unit (PHMU) clinic. Complete the online self-assessment or call 811 to book an appointment.

I do not have symptoms: Rapid tests can be picked up in the community at Public Health Mobile Unit clinics, MLA offices and most public libraries. Access NS and Feed NS offer rapid tests to people using their in-person services.

For more information, including instructions on how to use rapid tests, visit nshealth.ca/coronavirus/covid-19-rapid-testing

Have you filled out the Report & Support screening form?

If you test positive, make sure to fill out the Report & Support screening form which helps us quickly identify people who may be eligible for and benefit from COVID-19 treatments.

Online: c19hc.nshealth.ca/self-report

By phone: **1-833-797-7772**

If you require COVID-19 testing for travel or work purposes, you'll need to visit a private testing clinic (nshealth.ca/coronavirus-home/i-need-covid-test-travel).

For information visit: nshealth.ca/coronavirustesting

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