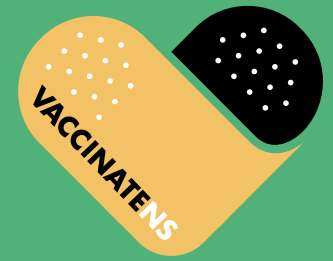


COVID-19 Testing, Report and Support and Medications.



1. Collaborating with the Association of Black Social Workers (ABSW) & Health Association of African Canadians (HAAC) COVID-19 Response & Impact Team and other African Nova Scotian and Black Community organizations is key to building trust and keeping People of African descent informed about the health risks of COVID-19.
2. Due to anti-Black racism, social and economic factors, People of African descent are at a higher risk for contracting COVID-19 and disproportionately affected by severe illness and hospitalization.
3. It is recommended that you get tested if you have even one symptom of COVID-19. Due to higher risk for severe illness, it is recommended that African Nova Scotians over age 18 receive a PCR (lab) test, as it is a more sensitive test. Rapid tests may also be used.
4. There are treatments for COVID-19 available in Nova Scotia that can help reduce the risk of severe disease and hospitalization. People of African descent at higher risk may be eligible.
5. In order to be considered for medication and treatments, you must complete the Report and Support screening form when you book a PCR test, or have a positive rapid test.
6. If you are eligible for treatment, you will receive a phone call for further assessment. If you do not get a phone call, it means that in your current situation, you wouldn't benefit from COVID-19 treatment.
7. COVID-19 vaccination continues to be our best defense against severe illness from this virus. Though medications are available for some who are at higher risk, not everyone will be eligible. People of African descent are advised to stay up-to-date with vaccinations.

Book a test: <https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/en> or 811.

Complete the Report & Support screening form: <https://c19hc.nshealth.ca/self-report/> or 1-833-797-7772.

