

Any symptoms No matter how mild Get tested for COVID-19

Information for Beechworth and surrounding communities

To keep our community safe, you should get tested for COVID-19 if you have these symptoms, however mild:

- Fever
- Chills or sweats
- Cough / sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

Where to get tested?

- You should seek testing from your General Practitioner (GP)
- Anyone seeking testing needs to have an appointment - call ahead and follow the instructions about presenting for a test
- If you are unable to get tested at your GP, find your nearest testing site by calling the 24-hour coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 or visit: vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS
- Beechworth Surgery offers limited testing for people with symptoms who are:
 - Residents of Beechworth and surrounds and /or
 - Patients of Beechworth Surgery
 - Tests are by appointment only - call 03 5728 1566

What does a test cost?

- The test is free for anyone with symptoms that meets the criteria for COVID-19 testing
- Bring at least one form of identification e.g. Medicare card, driver's licence

Why is it important to get tested for COVID-19?

- Testing helps find and isolate cases quickly and allows contact tracing to commence
- Collecting as much information about COVID-19 as we can helps reduce the spread of the virus

What does a test involve?

- The test involves a swab from the back of your throat and nose
- The test takes around a minute

What happens after the test?

- You must return home immediately after the test and remain in self-isolation until you receive a negative test result and until your symptoms have resolved
- If you need assistance while you are in self-isolation please call the Indigo Shire Council Pandemic Coordination team on 1300 365 003 who can connect you to local services

