

# COVID-19 Testing for Students and Families

**FREE**

## Testing Options

**Ascension Wisconsin**

833-981-0711

**Aspirus COVID-19 Call Center**

844-568-0701

**Bridge Community Health Clinic**

1-715-848-4884

**Marshfield Clinic Health System Nurse Line**

1-844-342-6276

COVID-19 testing is **FREE** for anyone who is experiencing a symptom of COVID-19 or if they are identified as a close contact by the health department. There are no "out of pocket" expenses for getting tested.

If your child starts having symptoms of COVID-19, do not send them to school. Call your health care provider or one of the providers on the left-hand column. They will be able to guide you on whether a test for COVID-19 is recommended.

Don't have a doctor? You can call any of the providers listed on the left hand side and they will work to assist you.

Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should self quarantine (stay at home) and call their health care provider.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath/trouble breathing
- Loss of taste/smell
- Fever at or above 100.4° F or chills
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Sore throat
- Unusual fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Headache
- Muscle ache
- Diarrhea



### COVID-19 Testing Questions?

The Marathon County Health Department has health educators available to give you up to date information.

715-261-1900

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## What does a COVID-19 test cost?

COVID-19 testing is free for everyone who has a symptom or has been identified as a close contact to someone with COVID-19. Your health care provider may charge your insurance for the test. There are no copays or deductibles that you will be required to pay. If your health care provider feels you need urgent care, there may be charges related to providing that care.

## Do we need to quarantine if my child was tested? What about the rest of my family?

Yes. While you wait for your child's result, your child should quarantine. If anyone else in the household is experiencing symptoms, they should also quarantine. Household members without symptoms should use good hand hygiene, wear a mask, and practice social distancing, unless given other instructions by a health department staff member.

## What will the test be like? How can I prepare my child for the test?

The test may be a swab of inside the nose or a swab of the back of the nose or throat using what looks like a long Q-tip. Many people report it being uncomfortable and it makes some people sneeze. Pretending to swab the inside of a stuffed animal's nose or throat can help younger children understand what to expect.

## How long will it take to get results back?

The time between when the test is done and when the results are delivered can vary according to where you get tested. Generally it can take 3-7 days.

## What if my child is positive for COVID-19?

Your child is required to stay home (isolate) until:

- at least 10 days have passed since their first symptoms
- they have been fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication, AND
- their other symptoms have improved for at least 24 hours



[COVID-19 Questions? We're here to help.](https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Departments/HealthDepartment.aspx)

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