

# COVID-19 TESTING



Available for Douglas County residents  
who **do not** have symptoms of illness

## Drive-through testing available

**Douglas County Fairgrounds**  
2120 Harper Street, Lawrence  
Saturdays, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Eudora Community Center**  
1638 Elm Street, Eudora  
Sunday, Dec. 13  
noon-4 p.m.

**Baker University's Liston Stadium**  
100 Fremont Street, Baldwin City  
Wednesday, Dec. 16,  
noon-4 p.m.

**Lecompton Elementary School**  
626 Whitfield Street, Lecompton  
Sunday, Dec. 20  
noon-4 p.m.

**\*APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED!**

To sign up, visit: [bit.ly/LDCPHcovidtest](https://bit.ly/LDCPHcovidtest)

# COVID Testing: Now What?

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Thank you for participating in COVID testing through LMH Health and Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health. Before you leave, please make sure you:

- Finished registering the sample, for each person in your car. Make sure you got all the way to the final “activate” button, otherwise your tests results will not be processed.
- Put the correct full name on the barcode sticker and attached it to each sample tube.
- Put the tube in the biohazard bag.

## Here is what you can expect next:

### Receiving your results:

- Your results will be texted to you at the mobile number you provided when registering your test.
- Results should arrive within 72 hours of the test. If they do not, you can visit — <https://crlclear.com/login> — and look up your results using the mobile number you provided when registering.
- Please do not call LMH Health or Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health if it is sooner than 72 hours after your test was taken. We do not get the results before you do.

### Your status:

- If you receive a negative result, no further action is necessary on your part related to the test. However, please keep in mind that a negative result is NOT a free pass to gather with friends or family during the holiday season. Please continue to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and maintain good hygiene.
- If you receive a positive result, our disease investigators will contact you for further instructions.
- If you receive a “non-negative” result, that means there was an issue with the sample (for example, you ate or drank within 30 minutes of the test). You may contact Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health to be re-tested if this is the case.

### While waiting for results:

- If you develop symptoms that could be consistent with COVID, please quarantine and contact your doctor or the health department.

# FAQs about testing

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**Q: Why should I consider getting tested, even if I don't have symptoms?**

A: Although many people who are infected with COVID-19 become symptomatic, others do not show symptoms but can still spread the illness to others. Getting tested helps to identify people who might be asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19 and prevent them from spreading it to others, especially those who might be especially vulnerable, such as individuals over 65 years of age or those with certain medical conditions.

**Q: What is the method of testing?**

A: The tests are saliva PCR tests. The individual will be required to spit into a tube in order to provide the sample. Staff will be available to answer any questions while the sample is being collected. Additionally, the individual being tested must not eat, drink (other than water), or brush their teeth for 30 minutes prior to the test. If someone arrives having done so, they will be asked to schedule a new appointment.

**Q: How will I get my results? Who else has access to them?**

A: The lab will text results to the mobile number provided on the consent form. The turnaround time for results is 72 hours or less. If a positive test is found, it will be reported to Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health for contact tracing purposes as required by law.

**Q: What if I test positive?**

A: If someone tests positive, they will be required to isolate for 10 days following the positive test if they are not sick. If they are sick, even with mild symptoms, they are required to isolate 10 days following the start date of the symptoms. That person will be able to return to work, school and regular activities at the end of the isolation period. Tests will be made available to household members of individuals who test positive.

**Q: What happens if someone I know tests positive?**

A: Through contact tracing, health officials identify close contacts or anyone who has been within 6 feet for longer than 10 minutes of an infected individual or potentially had direct contact with their saliva or mucus, such as by being coughed or sneezed on or through sharing of utensils. LDCPH works to determine close contacts, who are asked to quarantine at home for 14 days following their last exposure to the positive case to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Testing will be made available to the close contacts; however, a negative test does not release a close contact from quarantine. One cannot test out of quarantine. Only direct contacts of a positive case are asked to quarantine. If someone in your household is identified as a close contact, then only that person, not the entire household, is asked to quarantine.

**Q: Why are you using a PCR test instead of a rapid antigen or antibody test?**

A: A PCR test is currently the most effective way to detect COVID-19 infection. Antibody tests measure antibody levels in the blood to determine if someone has been exposed to the virus. Unfortunately, these tests aren't particularly specific in what they measure, and sometimes pick up on antibodies developed to other coronaviruses or other respiratory pathogens. They are unable to say definitively whether someone was recently infected. Antigen tests are not as specific and often require confirmatory testing to rule out a false positive or false negative. They are best used in an outbreak setting or when individuals are being tested frequently (i.e., every day or every other day).

**Q: What if I have been tested previously?**

A: If an individual has been tested previously and the test was negative, they will still be eligible for a test. If an individual has been tested previously and the test was positive, then that person is advised not to seek testing for 90 days following the test. If, during those 90 days, the person becomes symptomatic, we recommend they work with a doctor to evaluate their case.