

WHY GET A COVID-19 TEST IF I AM ASYMPTOMATIC?



WHAT IS ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING?

Such testing is done on people who have no symptoms and who are not close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. It often involves rapid tests, where results are received quickly. If positive, however, it is a good idea to confirm your positive result with a QPCR laboratory test (which takes longer but may be more accurate). Tests for asymptomatic individuals are not available everywhere, so it is a good idea to contact your local health care professionals to see if this is available in your community.

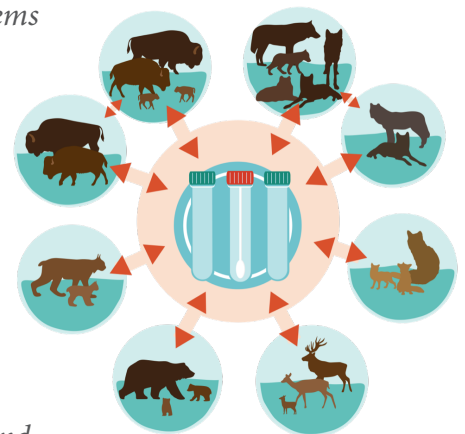
WHY IS TESTING ASYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS IMPORTANT

FOR YOU AND YOUR
CLOSE CONTACTS

- To allow for **rapid detection** of COVID-19, and enable **quick isolation, testing, and management** of suspected cases
- To enable quick detection to **contain outbreaks among vulnerable populations**
- To **understand the impact of the pandemic** on local healthcare systems and the community
- **Many of those infected with COVID-19 are asymptomatic or have yet to develop symptoms, but can still spread the virus.**
- Screening of those without symptoms or known COVID-19 contacts can be important to **identifying infected individuals early and breaking the chain of infection.**

FOR YOUR
COMMUNITY
AND BEYOND

- To **monitor the spread and intensity** of COVID-19 in a community
- To **understand the severity** of COVID-19 and spectrum of illness
- To **understand risk factors** for severe cases of COVID-19 disease and transmission
- To **monitor for changes in the virus** that causes COVID-19



YOU PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE

You can help protect yourself and your community by participating in asymptomatic testing where it is available, getting tested when you have symptoms of COVID-19, and by cooperating with health officials who are conducting contact tracing and cluster investigations.