

“GET TESTED & STAY SAFE”

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Community Information

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The second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in more people potentially becoming infected with COVID-19 through community transmission. It is more important than ever to get yourself tested if you have any symptoms as we can't ease up on looking after ourselves or each other.

If you have any of these symptoms, you **must** get tested and then stay at home:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

Getting tested means you keep yourself, your friends, family, workplace and your community safe.

Who can get tested?

Testing is available at both the Beaufort and Skipton campus. You will be able to undertake a test if:

- you have any of the symptoms list above or
- if you have been contacted by DHHS and requested to undergo testing as you have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19

How can a test be arranged?

- Please **do not** just turn up if you have symptoms.
- Please ring ahead to let staff know that you are coming and follow staff instructions.
 - Beaufort – 5349 1601 (24 hrs a day)
 - Skipton – 5340 1111 (during business hours) or 53401101 (after hours)
- If you are feel very unwell and are having trouble breathing, please call triple zero (000)
- The test is free for everyone.
- The test takes around a minute and involves a swab from the back of your throat and nose.
- You need to bring at least one other form of identification – for example, your Medicare card, driver's licence or student ID.
- Return home immediately after the test and remain in self-isolation until you receive your test result. This means not going to work or shopping or socialising with anyone until you get your results. It usually take 1-3 days for your results to be returned to you

If you are concerned, please call the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 (24 hours).

For more information on testing, visit [Getting tested for coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Current information and updates can be found on the Victorian Governments website: <https://www.vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS>