

Inpatient COVID-19 screening

For the safety of our patients and staff, University of Iowa Health Care is testing all patients admitted to adult and pediatric inpatient units for COVID-19, even if they do not have symptoms. The test is performed when you get to the hospital, either right before you're admitted or during your other tests. Since some people may have COVID-19 without symptoms, we want to know the results of each patient in our hospitals so we can safely care for them.

Common symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Chills
- Unexplained muscle or body aches

Most people with COVID-19 will have mild symptoms. Some people will get sicker and may need to be in the hospital. Some people will not have any symptoms at all.



How will the test be performed?

Health care staff will swab the back of your nose. This test will be done after you are admitted to the hospital and every five days while admitted.



How soon can I expect my test results?

Test results should be back within 8 hours of testing.



What happens if I test positive for COVID-19?

We will talk with you about how you can keep yourself and those around you healthy. We will teach you what to expect and how to get care if you start to feel sick.