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## Online booking for COVID-19 tests coming to Interior Health

KELOWNA – People across Interior Health will soon have access to new, easier ways to book an appointment for a COVID-19 test with the launch of online booking for all IH COVID-19 Community Collection Centres.

Testing is available for those experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and those who have been sent for testing by their primary care provider or Public Health.

Beginning Oct. 20, appointments can be booked online for COVID-19 tests at Community Collection Centres in Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, and Penticton. The online booking tool can be found at [www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca). An IH COVID-19 Test Booking phone line is also available for these communities at 1-877-740-7747, seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Between Oct. 20-30, online booking and the Test Booking phone line are rolling out for each of IH's 23 COVID-19 Community Collection Centres. For more information and updates on which centres are live, visit IH's [Testing Information page](#).

Testing is available for anyone with cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms, including:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Other milder symptoms may include: runny nose, fatigue, body aches (muscles and joints aching), diarrhea, headache, sore throat, vomiting and red eyes.

IH reminds everyone of the importance of following COVID-19 precautions:

- Stay home and avoid travel if you have symptoms, even mild ones.
- Maintain physical distancing (two metres apart) and use masks when distancing is not possible.
- Wash your hands regularly and do not touch your face.
- BCCDC recommends that you limit your social group to 5-10 people, outside of your household members. Getting together outside, with lots of space between you, is the safest way to visit with people outside of your social group.

See BCCDC for [Common Questions](#) about COVID-19.