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### Appointments Necessary at COVID-19 Testing Sites

KELOWNA / WEST KELOWNA – Residents are advised that COVID-19 rapid antigen tests are temporarily unavailable at the IH Community Collection Centres in Kelowna and West Kelowna.

COVID-19 testing **by appointment** continues to be available.

You can make an appointment online through the [COVID-19 Test Booking Form](#) 24 hours a day, or call [1-877-740-7747](tel:1-877-740-7747) for assistance between 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., PST, seven days a week.

Anyone with chest pain or difficulty breathing should not delay in seeking treatment and is advised to call their family doctor or attend their local emergency department for care.

### When to get tested

A COVID-19 test is not necessary when:

- You have no symptoms, even if you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive.
- You are experiencing symptoms and can manage your illness at home. Self-isolate for five days and until you feel well enough to resume your regular activities. Notify your close contacts so they can self-monitor for symptoms.

Use the B.C. [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you need to be tested.

PCR tests are by appointment at community collection centres and are prioritized for people at higher risk including:

- People age 66 and older, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status
- Children age four and younger
- Health-care workers
- People living in congregate settings where isolation from others (non-family members may be difficult, such as shelters or group homes)

For more COVID-19 testing information or to book your appointment, visit:

[www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/disease-outbreaks/covid-19/testing-information](http://www.interiorhealth.ca/health-and-wellness/disease-outbreaks/covid-19/testing-information)