Tufts Medical Center

COVID-19 Test Site at 276 Tremont Street

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Our testing site is moving! As of November 30, 2020, it will be located at 276 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116 (between the Parking Garage and the Red Cross).

- Tufts Medical Center Testing Site has conducted more than 130,000 COVID-19 tests since the start of the pandemic (March through October 2020).
- It's open to general public.
- Pre-registration is recommended. (Walk-ins are allowed)
- Tufts MC performs the PCR test, done by a swab of the nasal passage.
  - » It is not a rapid-result test. It takes 2-3 days to get the test results.

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Saturday: 8 am – 6 pm

- Our testing center closes promptly at 6pm.
- Please arrive as early as possible to increase the likelihood you will be tested.
- Patients under 18 years of age need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Insurance Coverage:
- The State of Massachusetts supports broad testing and has launched a new Stop the Spread campaign, offering free testing in high-risk communities across MA. For a full list of testing centers, visit **mass.gov/covid-19-testing.**
- However, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and some private insurers, no longer cover COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic persons with no known exposure to an infected individual.
- Please call your insurer in advance to confirm coverage. If insurance does not pay for the test, the cost to you is $135.

Pre-Register for Testing:
It is highly recommended that you pre-register for your Tufts Medical Center COVID test online at **TuftsMedicalCenter.org/CovidTesting.** This will make your visit faster.

What to Bring:
- Please bring a form of identification and/or insurance card.
- You will not be turned away if you do not have these items.

After Your Test:
- A nurse will call to inform you of your results. If you need your test results in writing, our staff will explain how to activate our Patient Portal when you arrive for your test.
- Self-isolate at home while waiting for your test results if you are being tested because you have signs or symptoms that could be consistent with COVID-19. If the result is negative, you may return to your normal activities.
- Self-quarantine for 14 days if you are being tested because you were informed by public health officials of exposure to a person with COVID-19, regardless of the results of your test, because you may still develop infection after the test is done.
- Even if your test is negative, if you develop symptoms at any point afterwards, you should be tested again.

If you Test Positive for COVID-19, you must remain in isolation, away from other people, until 10 days have passed since your symptoms began AND until you have been fever-free for 1 day and your symptoms have begun to improve.

- There is no need to test again once positive for at least 90 days. Note that follow-up tests can turn up positive for months and do not mean you are contagious, if positive.
- Call your primary care doctor with any questions or concerns you may have about your infection.

When should I be Tested for COVID-19?

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported — from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Testing is recommended for those:

- with signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 such as, but not limited to, new or worsening fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, rash, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.
- who have no symptoms but had a recent known or suspected exposure to COVID-19.
- being tested as part of a study by public health experts.

Please seek Emergency Medical Attention and/or call 911:

- If you are experiencing any emergency warning signs for COVID-19, which may include but are not limited to*
    - » Trouble breathing
    - » Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
    - » New confusion or inability to arouse
    - » Bluish lips or face

  Note: Do not wait in line for testing if you are really sick — the testing center is for COVID-19 tests only and services do not include medical evaluations. Also, this testing center does not conduct flu tests.

  This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

Thank you for trusting Tufts Medical Center with your care.

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