

What happens if I'm tested for COVID-19 in Greenlee County?

If your Health Care Provider (HCP) decides to test you for COVID-19 because of symptoms, you can expect a few things to follow that testing.

1. Your HCP will notify the Health Department of the test.
2. The Health Department will contact you daily while waiting for your test results. We will ask about things like, "Where have you been for the last few weeks? Who have you been around for the last few weeks?".
3. The Health Department will ask you to isolate yourself while your test results are pending.
4. We can work with your employer to make sure that you aren't at work while waiting for results.
5. We will follow along with you every step of the way.
6. During this phase of testing, we will not ask anyone else in your home to isolate themselves, as long as they have no symptoms of coronavirus. In some highly suspicious cases, we might need to quarantine close contacts of sick people while waiting for test results.
7. We can help you obtain essential items you might need during this isolation period.

If your test results are negative, you can expect the following to happen.

1. We will work with you and release you from isolation when your symptoms have resolved. We are using great caution with people and the community right now. Even if your COVID-19 comes back negative, we will still keep you isolated until your symptoms have resolved.

If your test results are positive, you can expect the following things to happen.

1. We will work with you to stay in isolation.
2. We will work to quarantine anyone who you have had contact with during your infectious period. A quarantine is when we ask someone to stay at home and away from others, even though they are not presently sick. When someone is quarantined, it means that they aren't sick, but we are keeping them away from others in case they become sick.
3. We will help you, and those quarantined, to obtain essential items you might need during this period.
4. We can work with your employer to make sure that you aren't at work while waiting for results.
5. We will follow along with you every step of the way.
6. We will work with those isolated and quarantined to figure out the safest time for everyone to return to work and normal life.

How Coronavirus Spreads

(COVID-19 is a new disease and we are still learning how it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, and to what extent it may spread in our community. This information is based on CDC guidance and recommendations as of April 1, 2020)

Person to person spread (likely the main mode of transmission)

- Between people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet)
- Through respiratory droplets produced when a person coughs or sneezes

Can someone spread the virus without being sick?

- People are thought to be the most contagious when they are the sickest
- Some spread may be possible before people show symptoms
- Some people can be infected with this virus and exhibit no symptoms at all, research is ongoing as to this group's ability to spread the virus to others

Contact with surfaces

- It may be possible for a person to become infected with this virus by touching a contaminated surface or object that the virus is on and then transferring that virus to their eyes, nose, or mouth

How easy does the virus spread?

- The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community in some locations