

# COVID-19: Before coming to a hospital

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What you should and should not do regarding COVID-19 testing.

Before coming to a hospital, clinic or drive-thru [location](#) for COVID-19 testing, here's what you should and should not do:

## You should do this

Call your local health care provider you show any sign of these COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing

## You should not do this

- Do not come to the [hospital](#), clinic or drive-thru location to be tested without calling first. This minimizes potential exposure to other patients.
- Check the CDC website for additional updates on COVID-19. For more information and all your COVID-19 coverage, go to the Mayo Clinic News Network and [mayoclinic.org](http://mayoclinic.org).

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