

St. Peter's Health Drive-up COVID-19 Testing

St. Peter's Health is operating a drive-up COVID-19 testing location in Helena. The drive-up testing site is located in the new parking lot behind the St. Peter's Health Medical Group building located at 2550 Broadway Street across from the Regional Medical Center. Staff will be inside the yellow tents and will come out to the patient's car window to perform an assessment and testing. The site will be open from 10a-5p until further notice.

Patients should call their provider before seeking testing at the tent. Providers and/or their clinical staff should screen patients over the phone for COVID-19 symptoms and the qualifying conditions before sending in the order for the patient to be seen at the drive-up location. Patients who have orders from their providers will be able to use the drive-up location to be assessed and tested from their car thereby limiting exposure to patient and caregiver. Following the drive-up test, patients will be given instructions to stay at home until they receive their results with further instruction.

How to place an order for COVID-19 testing:

- Through Meditech: place the order for COVID-19 testing by selecting COVID-19 (MPHL).
- Through the SPH Lab Portal: place the order for COVID-19 by selecting COVID-19 (MPHL).
- On Paper: paper orders can be utilized through SPH lab paper requisition form and write in COVID-19.
- Questions: call the clinical staff in the testing tent at 406-441-5100.

Sample Processing:

- The samples will be transported to the state laboratory.
- The state laboratory is processing COVID-19 samples 7 days per week.

Result Communication:

- COVID-19 results will be available through the normal results notification process within 1-4 days. (Subject to change)
- Positive COVID-19 results will be called to the ordering provider for communication to the patient.

See below for:

- Drive-up testing flowchart
- Drive-up testing location map

Eligibility for COVID-19 testing

- Patients with a **PROVIDER ORDER** for COVID-19 testing (regardless of symptoms) **OR**
- Referral for COVID-19 testing from **PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT** (regardless of symptoms) **OR**
- If patient NOT sent by a provider or public health, test **IF THEY MEET** the following criteria:
 - Immunocompromised patients (see criteria below) with a fever of 100.4 **AND** respiratory symptoms (worsening cough or worsening shortness of breath).
 - Significant heart disease (ie. Heart failure)
 - Significant lung disease (Severe asthma, bronchiectasis, COPD)
 - Actively receiving chemotherapy
 - Patients on chronic prednisone more than 10 mg daily
 - Patients receiving immunodulatory therapy (ie. Biological medications)
 - Diabetes
 - Advanced kidney disease
 - Other patients considered immunocompromised by their provider such as elderly adults.

Negative for symptoms and conditions WITHOUT a provider order

If patient does not have symptoms of COVID-19

- Educate patient that they don't meet criteria for COVID-19 testing

The following information must be sent to the county with a COVID-19 test:

- COVID-19 test collection date
- Patient name
- Date of birth
- Facility contact
- Ordering provider
- Confirmation that the patient received the "Quarantine instructions for patients with pending COVID-19 test" informational sheet

Positive for symptoms and conditions

- **With provider order**, collect COVID-19 (obtain a single nasopharyngeal swab and place into a single transport media).
- Provide patient with educational handout on quarantine guidelines
- **Consider treatment for influenza**
- Inform patient that they should expect a call from
 - St. Peter's for all results (either negative or positive)
 - Lewis & Clark Public Health for positive results

- Collected sample will be sent to SPH lab for transport



**Drive-up Coronavirus
Testing Location**

**Behind Medical Group
Building**

2550 Broadway

