



Media Release

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COVID-19 TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE NOT CHANGED

YAKIMA, WA – Yesterday, the Department of Health sent out a [news release](#) stating that COVID-19 testing guidelines have not changed, contrary to [the Center for Disease Control's updates on testing considerations](#). The Yakima Health District is also reiterating that testing guidelines in Yakima County have not changed.

“Through the hard work of the community, we continue to see progress in our efforts to reduce COVID-19 transmission. An important component of our progress has been our ability to quickly identify COVID-19 patients through widespread testing. Our recommendation continues to be that everyone with symptoms *and close contacts of confirmed cases* get tested within 24 hours. We are also recommending that anyone who feels they are at risk of exposure get tested as well.” Said Dr. Teresa Everson, Health Officer of the Yakima Health District

Anyone who is seeking testing should call their provider or call 2-1-1 if they do not have a provider. Alternatively, there are community-based testing sites currently scheduled Tuesday-Saturday.

For the most up-to-date information on testing sites you can go to the Yakima Health District's [website](#) or call 2-1-1 Monday through Friday 8am-5pm.

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