

# COVID-19 TESTING

## *What you need to know*



The decision to test is based on a healthcare provider's evaluation and judgement to determine if a patient has signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19. Testing can only be done with a provider's order, and not everyone experiencing symptoms needs to be tested.



Testing is done by collecting a sample from the pharynx. A sterile collecting swab is inserted through the nose, and into the back of the throat. The swab is rotated, and left to sit for a few seconds, then removed.



**ALWAYS** call your healthcare provider **BEFORE** you come to their office so that they may protect themselves and their staff.

COVID-19 symptoms include a fever over 100.4, a cough, and shortness of breath.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 IN OUR COMMUNITY, CONTACT THE RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION LINE AT 406-433-6947 OR VISIT [WWW.RICHLAND.ORG/RCHD](http://WWW.RICHLAND.ORG/RCHD).

