

BMS Family Health and Wellness Centers

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - Frequently Asked Questions About Testing

Who Should Get tested? Am I at risk for getting COVID-19?

Certain people are more at risk of getting COVID-19 including. According to research, older adults, people who have chronic medical conditions (e.g. high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes and lung disease), and people who are immunosuppressed, are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19. However, **people in communities where ongoing community spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 has been reported** such as Brownsville and East New York, are also at increased risk.

What tests can I get for COVID-19?

The COVID-19 Nasal Swab Test: BMS offers the COVID-19 Nasal Swab test which involves a swab of inside the nose. **Contact the NYS Hotline by Calling 888-364-3065 to make an appointment.**

One criterion for testing in NYS is "Persons that had close contact (within 6 feet) of a known case of COVID-19". We know that People in communities where ongoing community spread of the virus has been reported, are at higher risk. Given the high rates of infection and mortality in East New York and Brownsville, If you live in Brownsville or East New York, you should Request The Test. **When you call and are asked "Have you been in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive?" "Yes" is probably true and a reasonable answer.**

The COVID-19 Antibody Test: BMS offers the COVID-19 Antibody test which involves a check of your blood to look for antibodies, which can show if you had a past infection with the virus that causes COVID-19. If you are a BMS patient, you can make an appointment for anti-body testing by calling 718-345-5000.

When can I get tested? COVID-19 Tent Testing is **By Appointment Only** by calling 888-364-3065. The tent testing site is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. BMS offers the Antibody test if ordered and scheduled by your Doctor. Please call 718-345-5000 to schedule an appointment,

Where am I able to be tested? The BMS COVID-19 Tent Testing site is located at 592 Rockaway Venue, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in the parking lot. BMS offers the COVID-19 Antibody test at any of its clinical locations. Call 718-345-5000 to make a telehealth appointment to schedule the procedure.

Why Should I get tested? Many people have no symptoms even though they are COVID-19 positive. But they can infect others especially the elderly and those with chronic disease. **In our communities, Brownsville has high infection rates and East New York has the highest infection rate citywide.** The Test is FREE. NO INSURANCE required. Your PRIVACY is PROTECTED. There is NO PUBLIC CHARGE RULE APPLIED. NO IMMIGRATION checks.

Help BMS keep Your Family and Your Community Healthy. Request The Test.

