Find out about testing for COVID-19 in Teller County

**Who:** Teller County residents or people that work in Teller County that are over 12 years old experiencing COVID symptoms


**When:** Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-12pm **by appointment only**

**How:** Call Teller County Public Health & Environment to make an appointment

- Call 719-687-6416

**What:** Viral tests check samples from your respiratory system (such as swabs of the inside of the nose) to tell you if you currently have an infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19

- For more information on viral testing and other testing that may be provided by healthcare providers ([https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html))

**Why:** A viral test tells you if you are positive or negative for COVID-19 at the time of the test

- If you test positive for COVID-19, know what protective steps to take ([If You Are Sick or Caring for Someone](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html)).

- If you test negative for COVID-19, you probably were not infected at the time your sample was collected. However, that does not mean you will not get sick. It is possible that you were very early in your infection when your sample was collected and that you could test positive later. Or you could be exposed later and then develop illness. In other words, a negative test result does not mean you won’t get sick later. This means you could still spread the virus.

**Steps for getting Tested:**

- You will be screened for eligibility (Teller Residents or those working in Teller County over 12 years of age with COVID-19 Symptoms)

- You will be scheduled in an available time slot available from 10am-11:50am on Wednesdays and Fridays (starting on 6/5/2020)

- You will be contacted prior to your testing time slot to complete the required paperwork over the phone and be provided with instructions for the day of testing

- The day and scheduled time of your appointment you will drive to the designated testing site with a valid ID and park in the designated testing spot

- You will stay in your car and a staff member wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment will come out to your car to verify your information, collect the specimen, and provide you with education
Specimens are sent to the state laboratory and currently take up to 72 hours to process.
You will be contacted by phone with your results by the local or state health department.

Other Questions:

How much does it cost?
- There is currently no cost associated with this test at this time.

I don’t qualify for testing at this site, what are my other options for testing?
- Call your primary care doctor or your child’s pediatrician for options.
- For other options in El Paso County click here [https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/covid-19-testing-information](https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/covid-19-testing-information)

What if I am a first responder or health care provider?
- Symptomatic first responders and health care workers are able to schedule appointments at Teller County Public Health and Environment for testing.
- There are other options available to workers in these fields through their employers. Speak with your supervisor to learn about any additional testing options that may be available.

What else can I do to report my symptoms?