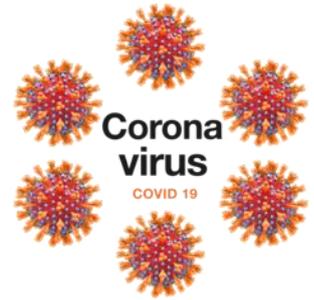




What Happens when you get a Test for Covid 19



The reason for a test, is to check if you have the virus.



If your doctor thinks that you need a test she will order it for you.

You might have to wait for five or seven days before you get your test.



You will get a text message to tell you when and where your test will happen.

The test might take place in your home, or in a special centre in the community, or in the hospital.



The people who carry out the test have to wear special clothes.

They might look a bit strange when you see them first.



They will be wearing a mask on their face.

They will be wearing gloves on their hands.

They will be wearing a long apron with long sleeves.

Sometimes they will wear goggles.



They wear these special clothes to protect themselves from people who might have the virus.



First they will give you a mask to cover your face and nose.

Then they will ask you for your name and how to contact you with the results of your test.



Then they will use a swab to test your nose and throat.

A swab is a thin stick with cotton wool on the end of it.



They will gently push the swab into your nose and into the back of your throat.

This may tickle you.

But it does not hurt.



You will need to stay in isolation until you get the result of your test.

You will get your results by text or a phone call. This might take five days.

You can watch a HSE video about the test here: [HSE Drive In Test Video](#)