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## FAQ on Covid-19

### **Why is it important to get tested for Covid-19 (coronavirus)?**

It is important to know if you have the coronavirus so that you can take measures to protect your family and community from the spread of the disease. You have a responsibility to do whatever you can to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Also, determining if you are infected with the coronavirus is an important step to receiving treatment and monitoring your condition.

It is important to frequent getting Covid-19 tested If you take public transportation, have an essential job, visit public spaces and live at home with family who are at-risk.

### **Will my information be shared with government agencies like law enforcement and immigration officials?**

Absolutely not. You can be assured your information will not be shared and will only be made available to you.

If you have any questions about testing or where to go to get tested, please contact one of the San Diego Latino Health Coalition's four Resource Centers.

### **If I test positive can I continue to work?**

It is important to isolate yourself if you test positive for the coronavirus so that you do not infect others.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please call one of our Resource Centers listed on the website and they can help you during this time.

If you work at home taking care of your family, please contact one of our Resource Centers and we can provide assistance so that you can help avoid spreading the disease and your family will be taken care of.

### **Does testing create a danger in the community?**

Testing centers are managed by trained healthcare professionals and follow protocols to ensure the safety of the communities where the testing is done.

It is critical that testing sites are available in the most impacted communities. Rest assured that everyone associated with testing sites is doing so in the best interest of the community and would never put anyone at risk.

### **How many people test positive for the coronavirus?**

Typically, the overall percentage of people testing positive for the coronavirus in the United States is a little more than five percent. To view the daily positivity rate in the United States, visit <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states>.

### **How much does testing cost?**

Testing through the County, State and community partners listed on the website is free.

### **What do I do if I test positive?**

First, isolate yourself from other people. Next, contact one of the community partners on the website to start contact tracing to make sure other people you have been in contact with are notified. Answering the call of a contact tracer and answering questions is critical for stopping the spread of the coronavirus in our community. This information will not be shared with anyone else, including law enforcement or immigration.

Seek care from a doctor. If you do not have a doctor, contact one of the community partners listed on the website. You will be provided with medical care even if you do not have insurance.

### **How can I isolate myself if I live with my family?**

There are resources available if you do not have the ability to self-isolate at home. Please contact one of the Latino Health Coalition's Resource Centers to learn what is available for you and your family.

### **Do I need to tell people if I test positive for the coronavirus?**

To stop the spread of Covid-19 in our community it is very important that you tell people you have been in contact with if you test positive.

### **When do I need to wear a face covering and are they all equally as effective?**

To reduce coronavirus infections in our community you must wear a face covering whenever you leave the house. Wearing a mask is the best way to slow the spread of coronavirus and to avoid getting infected yourself. The CDC recommends wearing simple cloth facemasks when in public. If you are in close contact with other people at work, wear a mask. If you need facemasks, please contact us.