



COVID-19 Surveillance recommendations for Whitehorse Emergency Shelter – Guests
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1. Who to test

Symptoms	Immediate management
Presence of any of the following, including mild: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever and/or chills • Cough • Difficulty breathing • Sore throat or hoarse voice • Headache • Runny nose or nasal congestion, not otherwise explained • Gastrointestinal symptoms, such as vomiting or diarrhea, not otherwise explained • Fatigue/muscle aches • Loss of sense of taste and/or smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and droplet precautions (including, face shield or goggles, mask, gown and gloves) • Perform NP swab for COVID-19 • Please follow additional guidance on back of paper • ePCR data will be emailed to YCDC (YCDCSurveillance@gov.yk.ca) in 24 hours or next business day.

All persons tested using these recommendations must be reported to YCDC.

2. All persons tested for COVID-19 under this criteria, are not required to be isolated from others

This approach is due to the purpose of the test for clinical surveillance versus testing to diagnose illness. The expected result for this test is negative, due to no known exposure risk in the absence of community based transmission. As such the management of the persons being tested is to rule out any possible illness in marginalized at risk population that lives within a congregate setting. However, persons tested for COVID-19 under the routine COVID-19 Testing Recommendations will require self-isolation, See *COVID-19 Testing recommendations – Whitehorse* for further management.

3. How to test: [collect specimen](#), complete the BCCDC PHL virology requisition, write “COVID-19” on requisitions.

Options for collection:

- red top viral collection kits,
- Hologic Aptima (unisex urethral swabs- CT/GC NAAT) has been validated by BCCDC for respiratory viral including COVID-19



Specimen:

- Collect 1 Nasopharyngeal swab (NP)
- Patients with any symptoms of lower respiratory infection should also have a sputum sample collected

4. Notify YCDC of all persons tested for COVID-19 – see page one

5. For more information

Yukon health care provider guidance documents are found at:

http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/health_professionals_guidelines.php

Information on donning (putting on) and doffing (removing) PPE can be found at:

https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/hss/hss-imgs/donning_ppe_droplet_and_contact_march_2020.pdf

https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/hss/hss-imgs/doffing_ppe_droplet_and_contact_march_2020.pdf

Public information is available at: <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>