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Free COVID-19 Testing for Watertown Residents – Additional Slots

The Town of Watertown is offering, by appointment only, one - free COVID-19 Test for Watertown residents. Testing is free, does not require a medical referral and you do not need to have COVID-19 symptoms to get tested. Pre-registration is required to receive a test (pre-registration details below) and we ask that you only sign up for one test to allow other residents access to testing.

Testing will be held inside the Commander's Mansion 440 Talcott Avenue on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, January 19 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 20 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Tuesday, January 26 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 27 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Tuesday, February 2 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 3 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Tuesday, February 9 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 10 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

In order to obtain an appointment a Watertown resident must pre-register by clicking on the following link: <https://proemscovidtesting.as.me/watertown>

This is not a drive up test. Watertown residents who have an appointment will enter into the Commander's Mansion and with the assistance of Pro Ambulance employees will conduct a self-administering nasal swab (PCR test).

Test results: As a reminder, a negative test does not mean you cannot spread COVID-19, or get infected with COVID-19, at a later date. Residents should continue to practice physical distancing and hygiene, regardless of a negative test result.

The above dates and times are the only dates and times available for Watertown residents through this program.

There are several additional ways that Watertown residents can get tested for COVID-19:

The state’s “Stop the Spread” testing sites are open to all Massachusetts residents, and testing is free of charge. The sites are located in several nearby communities (Framingham, Marlborough, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Winthrop). Many of these sites are walk-up or drive-through and do not require appointments. Details about each site are provided at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread#eligibility->

Contact Your Health Care Provider

If you think you may have COVID-19, call your health care provider and tell them about your symptoms. COVID-19 symptoms may include fever, sore throat, loss of sense of smell, cough, difficulty breathing, body aches, or chills. Your health care provider will help you decide whether testing is appropriate. If your provider thinks you should be tested and cannot do the test on-site, they will make the referral to a testing site near you. Here is a current list of COVID-19 testing sites in Massachusetts: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/ma-covid-19-testing-sites/download>

Use the State’s Free Online Telehealth Service

The state is partnering with Doctor on Demand to offer free telehealth visits to Massachusetts residents who want to get a quick assessment of symptoms and/or do not have health insurance. Through this service, you’ll be evaluated online and connected to testing if needed. To access this free service, go to: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/check-your-symptoms-for-covid-19-online>

Call the State’s 24-Hour Hotline

If you do not have internet access or do not feel comfortable using websites, you can call 2-1-1, a 24-hour state-supported telephone hotline. Hotline staff can provide guidance on testing.

RESOURCES

- [Massachusetts COVID-19 testing page](#) (Mass.gov)
- [COVID-19 Test Site Locator tool](#)