Who should be tested for SARS-CoV-2?

Regardless of vaccination status or COVID-19 disease history.

**Higher priority**

- Suspected cases of COVID-19

  Prioritization should be considered for:
  - Suspected cases at a higher risk of developing severe disease / requiring hospitalization and / or symptomatic inpatients
  - First symptomatic individuals in a closed setting [workplace, schools, hotels, etc.]

**Medium priority**

- Asymptomatic individuals at higher risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection include:
  - Contacts of confirmed or probable cases
  - People who are frequently exposed through their occupation, such as health and care workers

**Lower priority**

- Asymptomatic individuals with no known risk of exposure

  Widespread testing of asymptomatic individuals, including through self-testing, is not currently recommended due to limited evidence on impact and cost-effectiveness.

**Policies to test outside these recommendations should consider:**

- Timely and reliable testing of suspected cases is maintained as the priority strategy
- There are available human and financial resources for testing, reporting, isolation, contact tracing and follow-up of all test-positive individuals