



The following is a script to guide the discussion with the patient when asymptomatic testing is being offered.

- You have been screened and do NOT have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Some people may not have symptoms but can carry and spread the virus to others.
- It is for this reason that the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is offering COVID-19 testing to patients that do NOT have symptoms and are admitted to hospital for greater than 24 hours.
- Testing patients that do not have symptoms will allow the SHA to better understand how common the virus is and prevent further spread.
- To perform the test, a long cotton swab is inserted into your nose and throat. This swab is sent to the lab and results are back in 1 – 2 days.
- If you test positive, you will be placed on precautions and may be placed in a private room.
- This testing is optional. If you choose not to be tested at this time, you can request testing at any time during your hospital stay.
- If you develop any symptoms of COVID – 19 you will be tested at that time.
- Provide the patient with [CV-19 H0007 COVID-19 Asymptomatic Testing – Information Handout](#).

Refer to saskatchewan.ca/COVID19 for more information related to COVID-19