



ESF-4 Updated Statewide Rapid Testing Availability for First Responders

This week more rapid testing options became available in addition to the current PCR testing platforms. With these new, less invasive testing options, results are typically reported within 15 minutes. The test requisition form is no longer required for testing and there is no need to transport specimens to the Public Health Lab as the testing is conducted at the facility.

Criteria

- The new rapid tests are available to symptomatic patients (asymptomatic exceptions are explained below).
- The patient must be tested within the symptomatic timeframe as listed below.
- This testing is less invasive and only requires an anterior nasal swab.
- The patient has to be experiencing one symptom to qualify for the testing.
- This rapid testing is not to be used to test a member out of quarantine who has traveled outside of New England.
- In the case of an unprotected exposure, the source patients' test results are those that dictate when the member can be released from quarantine.
- Patients will be asked to wait for their results on site as the specimen is being analyzed, if a test result is positive the patient will be given the number to contact the NH Department of Health and Human Services for further instruction.

Current Locations

Convenient MD:

- All 11 locations in the state have the Sophia testing available, testing must occur within the first 5 days of symptoms.
- Appointments can be made by contacting the facility numbers on their website.
- A second PCR test is not required along with this rapid test.

Current MMRS mobile sites:

- The Concord site on Stickney Avenue and the Londonderry site at the Exit 4 bus terminal on Garden Lane have the BinaxNow testing available. These locations are subject to change, please check the website for the latest available information.
- Appointments can be made by visiting https://business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing/, testing must occur within the first 7 days of symptoms.
- A second PCR test is not required along with this rapid test.

Clear Choice MD:

- On Wednesday October 14th all locations in the state will have the BD Veritor testing available, testing must occur within the first 3 days of symptoms.
- Appointments can be made by contacting the facility numbers listed on their website, walk-ins are also welcome.
- A second PCR test is required along with this rapid test.
- The combination of rapid and PCR testing is available to asymptomatic patients who have suffered an unprotected exposure.

We will continue to update testing information as it becomes available; we anticipate more information about hospitals having rapid testing capabilities to be available soon.

Please feel free to contact the ESF-4 desk at (603) 223-3718 with any questions.