

Our priority is the safety and health of the Hualapai Tribe. The Incident Management Team along with all of tribal departments and Indian Health Services are working together to prepare and respond to COVID-19 cases.



INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Tuesday May 19th, 2020 – 6 Tested, 6 Negative
Wednesday May 20th, 2020 – 9 Tested, 5 Negative
with 4 Repeat Positives
There Are NO New Positives

The CDC has guidance for who should be tested, but decisions about testing are made by the HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS of your area. Here it is Indian Health Services (IHS). A pre-screen process by IHS will determine if you should be tested, and may include Team discretion.

WHO SHOULD BE TESTED FOR COVID-19?

There are two kinds of tests are available: **VIRAL TESTS** and **ANTIBODY TESTS**.
To learn if you have a current infection, **VIRAL TESTS** are used.

BUT NOT EVERYONE NEEDS THIS TEST.

Watch for symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- “New” loss of taste or smell

Those who are CURRENTLY SICK or have been known to be EXPOSED to the virus should be tested and testing may be part of the diagnostic process and helps to rule out other causes of illness.

A VIRAL TEST tells you if you have a current infection. So far, 246 tests have been performed as of May 20th, 2020.

An ANTIBODY TEST tells you if you had a previous infection by testing for the presence of antibodies produced by your immune system. Antibody tests are currently not available here, but may be obtained very soon in upcoming weeks.

However, these ANTIBODY TESTS may not be able to show if you have a current infection, because it can take 1-3 weeks after infection to make antibodies. And, be aware that CDC does not know yet if having antibodies to the virus can protect someone from getting infected with the virus AGAIN, or how long that protection might LAST.

If you test NEGATIVE for COVID-19 by a VIRAL TEST, you probably were not infected at the time your sample was collected. However, that does NOT mean you will not get SICK, or that you did not contract the virus after taking the test. You could be exposed later and then develop illness, and you could still spread the virus. The test result only means that you did not have COVID-19 at the time of testing.

If you test POSITVE or NEGATIVE for COVID-19, no matter the type of test, you still should take preventive measures to protect yourself and others.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and want to get tested, please do not hesitate to CALL Indian Health Services as soon as possible (928) 769-2900.

For more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>



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