# YNHH starts COVID-19 health care worker testing program

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Yale New Haven Health has launched phase one of a program that aims to provide ongoing COVID-19 testing for the majority of health care workers at YNHHS, Yale Medicine, Northeast Medical Group, and YNHHS' community medical partners. Unit-specific testing started May 15, but more widespread testing is now available for Yale New Haven Hospital employees, affiliated medical staff, and Yale Medicine clinical staff by appointment.

The testing is for asymptomatic health care workers – those without symptoms of COVID-19. Testing is not mandatory at this time.

Testing will be conducted:
- Monday – Friday on York Street Campus, East Pavilion Special Events Area, 7:30 am – 4 pm

- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday on Saint Raphael Campus, Selina Lewis Multipurpose Room, 7:30 am – 4 pm

**Appointments are required**. **No approvals are needed**. To make an appointment, click here. Please do not schedule more than one appointment for yourself at this time. The test is self-administered. You will use a swab to take a deep nasal sample while under the direction of a trained observer. Instructions will be provided with the collection device.

Testing will be phased in gradually over the next six weeks across YNHHS. The goal is to test more than 10,000 health care workers, including direct-care providers, all affiliated medical staff, clinical ancillary staff, and those with support departments.

Widespread health care worker testing is a key component of YNHHS' COVID-19 recovery plans, which will address how the health system can continue to care for COVID-19 patients while performing more surgical procedures and reopening some treatment areas and offices to other patients.

Refer to our Frequently Asked Questions for more information about the employee COVID-19 testing program.