



CORONA FET



Week: 11th – 17th July 2021

Big Idea of the Week:

Got symptoms? Get tested for coronavirus to know for sure and protect your life and others!

Coronavirus can cause different symptoms in people. Some of these symptoms, such as fever, tiredness, cough, and loss of taste or smell, can also be symptoms of fresh cold and malaria.

The only way to know for sure if you have coronavirus is to get tested. If you have symptoms of coronavirus or if you had close contact with someone with coronavirus, the test is **free**.

Testing right away helps someone with the virus get the care they need to recover quickly and survive, and stop the spread of the virus to family and friends.

To get tested for coronavirus, go to any district government hospital or one of the following locations in Western Area between 9:00am and 1:00pm daily: ADRA at Waterloo, Jui Hospital, Kingharman Road Hospital, Lumley Hospital, Macauley Street Hospital, or Rokupa Hospital.

By getting tested right away, you are being a role model in your community – someone who protects their health and others and motivates others not to fear getting tested either.

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Suggestions for people to interview

- National or district-level coronavirus response spokesperson
- Representatives of hospitals identified for testing
- People who have voluntarily been tested and can share their experience and why they decided to get tested
- Religious leaders, or community leaders who support the testing process and encourage others to get tested

Suggestions for questions for interviews and panel discussions

- Is testing for coronavirus free of charge?
- Are patients' information, including test results, kept confidential?
- Why is it important for people who are having coronavirus-related signs and symptoms to do a coronavirus test?
- How can we lead by example and encourage others to get tested for coronavirus?

Additional information and messages

Coronavirus testing process – what do I need to know?

- Coronavirus test results will be ready approximately 24-48 hours from the time when the swab was taken. Sometimes they may take longer if there are a large number of tests being processed at the same time.

- If your test result is positive, you will be visited by a healthcare worker who will give further guidance and instructions.
- International travelers who need a negative coronavirus test certificate to travel out of country by air must apply online at www.travel.gov.sl, pay for their test, arrange to be tested, and collect a negative coronavirus test certificate in line with international travel requirements.

Coronavirus basics

- Coronavirus mainly spreads from person to person when someone with the virus breathes it out and someone near them breathes it in.
- Because not everyone who has the virus feels sick, we can spread the virus without knowing it.
- People over 60 years of age and people who have health problems have a higher chance of getting seriously sick or dying if they get coronavirus. This is because being older or having other health problems can mean that your body is not as strong and as able to fight sicknesses, like coronavirus.
- There is no way to know for sure how your body will react if you get coronavirus, even if you are young and healthy.
- This is why getting both doses of our coronavirus vaccine, always wearing our masks properly over our mouth, nose, and chin when we are in public places, keeping physical distance from others, and washing our hands with soap and water helps protect us and others from coronavirus.
- Call 117 right away if you have fever, tiredness, cough, or loss of smell or taste.
- Getting tested for coronavirus right away is important for protecting our loved ones, friends, and coworkers, and stopping the spread to others.
- If you have questions or want to know more about coronavirus or coronavirus vaccines, call 117 free on any network.