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## WhidbeyHealth opens COVID-19 testing

Responding to Interim Guidance from the Washington State Department of Health, and in partnership with Island County Public Health, WhidbeyHealth has opened three swabbing stations on the island. Specimen collection will be conducted at the Walk-In Clinic Clinton, our Cabot Drive Clinic in Oak Harbor, and at the Medical Center in Coupeville. Testing times and locations are carefully scheduled and pre-registration by phone is required.

To register, call 360-240-4055 Monday through Friday between 7:00AM and 5:00PM. During the call, you will be directed to one of the swabbing stations for a specific time.

Upon arrival, please stay in your car. Our Clinton and Oak Harbor locations have designated parking spots. At the medical center, follow signs to the drive-thru land near the Health Education Center. Place your car in park and turn off the ignition. The procedure involves swirling a swab into both nostrils. The swab is about the size of an ordinary Q-tip, much smaller than previous testing technologies.

**It is very important to pre-register at 360-240-4055; persons who arrive without registration will not be tested. It is also important to understand that testing is subject to the availability of specimen collection supplies and PPE for our staff. There have been nationwide shortages of both.**

Please visit [whidbeyhealth.org](http://whidbeyhealth.org) for more information.