



The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo and has the honour to inform them about the updated test criteria for COVID-19 and which instances foreign mission personnel may contact to get tested.

Updated information about test criteria for coronavirus from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH) may be found here:

<https://www.fhi.no/en/op/novel-coronavirus-facts-advice/advice-to-health-personnel/test-criteria-for-coronavirus/>.

Currently, the NIPH recommends that everyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested. This includes everyone with acute respiratory tract infection and one or more of the following symptoms; fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell and taste, as well as persons considered by a doctor to have suspected COVID-19. If there is a lack of testing capacity, groups will be tested in a given order of priority.

For information about testing for COVID-19 in Oslo, please see the following webpage of the City of Oslo:

<https://www.oslo.kommune.no/english/coronavirus/are-you-worried-you-might-be-infected/>.

In Oslo, individuals who satisfy the criteria for testing, may call a GP/family doctor who treats patients without a family doctor (fastlege) in Oslo (<https://www.oslo.kommune.no/helse-og-omsorg/helsetjenester/fastlege/pasienter-som-ikke-star-pa-fastlegeliste/>), or the Corona hotline for Oslo inhabitants, tel. 21 80 21 82. Individuals who need to be tested, will be referred to one of Oslo's outpatient clinics for people with a fever. The referral will give instructions as to where and when to attend the clinic.

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For information about testing for COVID-19 in Bærum, please see the following webpage of Bærum Municipality:

https://www.baerum.kommune.no/globalassets/korona/engelsk_mistenker-du-at-du-er-smittet-med-covid.pdf.

In Bærum, individuals who suspect they are infected by COVID-19 may call the Corona hotline, tel. 67 50 59 99, or send an e-mail to

koronalegevakt@baerum.kommune.no.

Some persons without symptoms of COVID-19 may wish to be tested for non-clinical reasons, for example to enter another country. Such tests are not provided for by the public sector.

Private clinics also offer tests for COVID-19.

Also, please consult the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' updated webpage

“Coronavirus information for Diplomatic and Consular Missions”

https://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/ud/about_mfa/diplomatic_relations/covid_19_notes/id2693823/.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo the assurance of its highest consideration.

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