

The Importance of Testing in combatting COVID-19

Testing is a window into understanding the spread of the virus.

Increased testing will help:



Identify hidden cases.



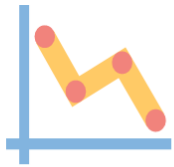
Allocate resources where they are most needed.



Quarantine those tested positive for the virus and their close contacts.



Inform policies.



Obtain accurate estimates of infection rates.



Assist in phasing out of lockdown.

**HIGH NUMBER
OF TESTS**

**GREATER CERTAINTY
ABOUT THE RATE OF
INFECTION**

**INFORM PLANS
TO COMBAT THE
VIRUS**



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