March 17, 2020 – this situation is changing rapidly. Please continue checking Hamilton Public Health’s website for the latest information.

**IMPORTANT information regarding COVID-19 assessment centres**

Assessment Centres will ONLY see individuals **who have a referral** from their doctor or Hamilton Public Health Services by appointment only. Referrals are only made when someone is **unwell** with COVID-19 symptoms. Travel history alone is not a reason to be tested.

**If you believe you need to be tested, follow these steps**


2. Based on results of online self-assessment contact:
   - Hamilton Public Health Services COVID-19 hotline: 905-974-9848
   - your family doctor
   - OR Telehealth Ontario 1 866-797-0000 for further direction.

3. If you need to be tested, you’ll be given an appointment time to visit an assessment centre.

4. Remember, not everyone will be tested.

**Testing will not affect medical care**

Ask yourself, if it weren’t for COVID-19, would I be seeking medical care?

Being tested for COVID-19 and the results of that test will not affect your medical care. ONLY seek testing if you are unwell.

If you are experiencing an emergency, call 9-1-1 or visit the nearest emergency department.

Learn more about **Assessment Centres**.