

NM Department of Health regarding questions centered around testing. Below are common questions that I have been asked.

Question 1: When will an individual be given a COVID-19 test?

Answer: COVID-19 test will only be given to individuals who meet the criteria of having fever of 100.4 or above, shortness of breath, traveled outside of NM, and/or been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. NMDOH did state that the main driver for the COVID-19 test is the fever of **100.4**, complemented with any of symptoms listed above.

NMDOH is recommending that individuals call the NMDOH hotline number of 1-855-600-3453 if they are experiencing symptoms and 1-833-551-0518 if individuals have general questions. It is important for individuals to call the symptom hotline before actually going into the hospital. OOHHS is recommending that community members call Josie Shije at 505-423-4373.

Question 2: If an individual from Rio Arriba County gets tested in Santa Fe and comes up positive, will the positive test result reflect Santa Fe County or Rio Arriba County?

Answer: The test result will reflect the residency of where that individual lives. In our example above, the test result will show up in Rio Arriba County.