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| **Here's what to know about the Coronavirus** |
| You've likely heard about the Coronavirus (officially called "2019-Novel Coronavirus" or "COVID-19") in the news. While there isn't a vaccine yet and the immediate health risk remains low, Medicare is still here to help.  Your Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) [covers a test to see if you have Coronavirus](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAzMDUuMTgyMzg4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tZWRpY2FyZS5nb3YvY292ZXJhZ2UvY29yb25hdmlydXMtdGVzdD91dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249MjAyMDAzMDVfZ21kX3Bydl9nYWwmdXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9ZW5nbGlzaCZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.9r-5OeiuCTUHgegH4rsprGX9Xc5xygisrdzp8FOhQ1k/br/75736261259-l). This test is covered when your doctor or a health care provider orders it, if you get the test on or after February 4, 2020. You usually pay nothing for Medicare-covered clinical diagnostic laboratory tests.  To prevent the spread of this illness or other illnesses, including the flu:   * Wash your hands often with soap and water, * Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, * Stay home when you're sick, and * See your doctor if you think you're ill.   Visit [The Centers for Disease Control website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAzMDUuMTgyMzg4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jZGMuZ292L2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzLzIwMTktbmNvdi9pbmRleC5odG1sP3V0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj0yMDIwMDMwNV9nbWRfcHJ2X2dhbCZ1dG1fY29udGVudD1lbmdsaXNoJnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.TjcSSgzsmGYrBYX40UFU4Ce2a4l6V80HhYnlnmJYSQE/br/75736261259-l) for information on the Coronavirus.  [**Learn More**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAzMDUuMTgyMzg4NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jZGMuZ292L2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzLzIwMTktbkNvVi9zdW1tYXJ5Lmh0bWw_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPTIwMjAwMzA1X2dtZF9wcnZfZ2FsJnV0bV9jb250ZW50PWVuZ2xpc2gmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.y4CxW7ynka_ZTqY5wik0xh0Qbd9wKlnecbLpmbzhaI0/br/75736261259-l)  Sincerely,  *The Medicare Team***Note:** Your provider will need to wait until after April 1, 2020 to submit a claim to Medicare for this test.   * **For Updates Go To**:   <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?utm_campaign=20200305_gmd_prv_gal&utm_content=english&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery> |