

Additional Requirements for COVID-19 Tests

We are notifying you of a change to the requirements in ordering COVID-19 tests. For tools associated with slowing and preventing the spread of COVID-19 to be more effective we are asking that test documentation now include race and ethnicity to be added to the data fields. For details please read the Washington State [Letter on COVID-19 Electronic Reporting and Inclusion of Demographic Information](#) from Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH Deputy Health Officer State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases.

Please also take a moment to review the following requirements and guidelines:

- Washington State Notifiable Conditions Reporting [Webpage](#)
- [Federal Letter](#) on COVID-19 Pandemic Response Lab Data Reporting (CARES Act Section 18115)
- CDC COVID-19 Lab Data Reporting [Webpage](#)

If you have questions please email doh-ncov-epi@doh.wa.gov