Anyone can get tested for COVID-19, but SHOULD they?

FACT: 80% of people who get COVID-19 will have mild to moderate symptoms and will recover without medical care.

FACT: A positive test for the virus what causes COVID-19 will not change your healthcare provider's recommendations for medical care unless you are very sick and require hospitalization.

FACT: Test material and personal protective equipment are needed to care for the very sick requiring hospitalization.

FACT: A negative test does not mean you will not get COVID-19.

FACT: The demand for testing by people who are not very sick is putting a strain on healthcare systems.

The PEOPLE at GREATEST NEED to be TESTED for the virus that causes COVID-19 are:

- People who are hospitalized and have symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell.
- People who have symptoms of COVID-19 and are living in or providing care to residents in an institutional setting, such as long-term care facilities, assisted living centers, etc.
- People who have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and are healthcare workers.

If you are NOT in the group ABOVE and you think you MIGHT have COVID-19, the best thing you can do is stay home for 7 DAYS after illness has started and your fever reduced.

If you have medical questions call the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health COVID-19
Information Line at 405.695.1787.

