COVID-19 Testing at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) Frequently Asked Questions

Who can be tested at SEA?
Testing is for ticketed passengers up to 72 hours prior to travel. This includes those departing, connecting, or arriving at SEA.

What's the cost?
Each test is $250 for COVID-19 PCR lab tests. Results are delivered with same- and next-day options.

Do I need an appointment or is drop in okay?
Yes, testing by appointment only. Schedule an appointment online. Testing is available daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. PST *(hours are subject to change)*.

What's the testing process?
Step 1. Book your appointment: Visit Discovery Health MD's bookings page.

Step 2. Provide your medical background: Once your testing appointment(s) have been scheduled, you'll receive a confirmation email with a link to fill out the online consent and questionnaire. You'll be asked if you have any current symptoms or possible recent exposure to someone with COVID-19. If you have symptoms, you should not test and should seek medical care. You will be asked to provide demographic information. This information will help with contact tracing efforts if you or anyone in your party have a positive result.

Step 3. Test at the airport: At your assigned testing appointment, please bring a proper form of identification. Your name must match your legal form of identification exactly for your ID to be verified. Medical staff will assist you with obtaining the nasal swab specimen. These will be sent to one of the partner laboratories for processing.

How long does it take for test results to come back?
Results are delivered with same-day and next-day options. Same day test results are available for travelers whose tests are administered before 9:15 a.m., Monday through Friday. Results should be available before midnight that day, usually before 6 p.m. Travelers whose tests are administered after 9:15 a.m., Monday through Friday, or on Saturday and Sunday, should receive results the following day.

Where is this inside the airport?

Testing will occur in the central auditorium at SEA, located pre-security, on the mezzanine level above ticketing and the security checkpoints.

How do I get my results?

You'll receive a note card with a QR code that will direct you to Discovery Health MD's results portal before your sample is collected.

Does this test get me out of Hawaii's quarantine?

Discovery Health MD is a trusted testing partner for flights to Hawaii as part of the deployment of Hawaii's pre-travel testing program for inbound travelers. A negative test allows you to bypass Hawaii's mandatory 14-day quarantine.

What do I do if I test positive?

If you test positive, you will be contacted by a member of Discovery Health MD medical staff and advised to self-isolate for at least 10 days. You will be asked to notify your close contacts for 48 hours prior to the positive test or development of symptoms and request that they self-quarantine for 14 days. If you have tested positive in the prior 90 days, the state of Hawaii has information on their website on how to submit information for travel in lieu of taking another test. If you test positive, your information will be provided to the appropriate Public Health jurisdiction and the CDC.

What do I do if I test negative?

You can find your results on Discovery Health MD's easy-to-use online portal, including a downloadable PDF for use at various state and international entry points. Please contact Discovery Health MD directly if you are traveling to a country that requires completion of a specific form.

How are physical distancing and other health and safety updates enforced?

You must wear a mask and stay at least six feet away from people outside your immediate travel party. All staff will be in appropriate PPE and adhere to strict distancing and hygiene protocols. Please let Discovery Health MD know if you are traveling with someone who may need assistance with adhering to these measures.

What is next for COVID-19 testing at SEA?

Discovery Health MD is anticipating providing point of care rapid testing soon, but we do not yet a starting date for this testing option. The Port will issue a competitive solicitation for a testing vendor who can offer COVID-19 testing services beyond this pilot in 2021.