

Coronavirus Outbreak Plans: Video 2 (COVID-19 test, screening & PPE demonstration)

The following script was the basis of the Yolŋu matha translation heard in the video. There may be slight differences based on the translation.

One of the other tools we will use to stop COVID-19 from spreading through the community quickly is to find it as soon as we can, by testing anybody who has symptoms. That's why we want you to go to the clinic if you have any COVID-19 symptoms.

This is also why we have started 'screening' everybody who comes to the clinic.

'Screening' is when people come to the clinic or the hospital and health workers ask them questions to see if they might have that coronavirus. They will check your temperature and ask you if you have any symptoms of COVID-19. They might ask you if you have been travelling interstate or to a hotspot.

If you don't have any COVID-19 symptoms, you can go straight through and go see the doctor or nurse or get your medicine like normal.

But if you do have a COVID-19 symptom, like a fever or sore throat, then we will do a test to find out for sure if you have that COVID-19 sickness.

So now whenever you go to the health centre or the clinic of the hospital, or to lots of other places, someone will screen you to find out if you have symptoms of COVID-19, like this:

Screening demonstration:

Hello my name's Theresa. Are you coming here for an appointment today?

Yes.

So I just have to ask you some screening questions and check your temperature, is that ok?

Yes.

Have you got a sore throat?

No.

A cough?

No.

A fever?

No.

Have you lost your sense of taste or smell?

No.

Have you gone anywhere interstate?

No.

Have you gone anywhere overseas?

No.

OK, so I'm just going to check your temperature.

So that was 36.2 degrees. So that's normal, thank you.

But if you do have signs or symptoms of COVID-19 then we'll need to do a test, like in this pretend film:

Do you have a runny nose?

No.

Do you have a cough?

No.

Do you have a sore throat?

Yes.

OK, because you have a sore throat, we want to check and do a test to make sure that you don't have COVID-19, and I'm going to ask you to put this mask on until we've done the test.

The COVID-19 test is different from this 'screening' check-up. If you are feeling like this – fever, chills or sweating, sore throat, dry cough, runny nose, shortness of breath, or loss of smell or taste – call up the clinic or hospital. They might ask you to come in for a COVID-19 test. We'll show you what this looks like in a minute.

I want to let you know that the COVID-19 test is not as bad as it used to be. Because when we first started testing for coronavirus the health worker would put that swab really deep inside your nose and it was very uncomfortable! But now we just have to put

it up your nose a little bit. So you'll see from this demonstration that the test is not something to be scared of.

When we do the test for COVID-19 the health worker needs to wear PPE – 'Personal Protective Equipment'. This special clothing is to keep them safe so they don't get the virus or pass it to anybody else. They'll be wearing goggles or glasses, a mask, a gown, and gloves. And they might look a little bit different every time you see somebody.

COVID-19 Test Demonstration:

OK, so I'm going to do this swab on you. I'm going to put it in the back of your throat and up your nostril. So can you just remove your mask please and open your mouth, big mouth, 'ahhhh'. There you go.

So don't be scared of us when you see us wearing our PPE because underneath there's a friendly healthcare worker.