

COVID-19 screening clinic at Banyule Community Health for people with no symptoms - Friday 8 May 2020

The Department of Health and Human Services is rolling out an expanded testing program to better understand how COVID-19 is spreading in the community. The more tests that are done, the more information the department has about how much unknown COVID-19 there is in our community which will help them make decisions about easing restrictions.

There is a small chance that people have coronavirus (COVID-19) even though they feel well and don't have any symptoms. This is known as an asymptomatic case of coronavirus (COVID-19). It is possible that people without symptoms (asymptomatic cases) pass on coronavirus (COVID-19) to other people without knowing it.

To support the Victorian Government's aim to test 100,000 Victorians before 11 May, Austin Health is partnering with Banyule Community Health to provide an onsite screening clinic for people with no symptoms on Friday 8 May. The screening clinic will operate from 8.30am – 4pm, and testing will be performed by Austin Health nurses.

All those volunteering to undergo screening will be asked to provide contact details, and will be required to answer some brief questions to check whether they may have any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). A Medicare card is also required.

It will take a few days for results to come through. There is no need for people without symptoms to self-isolate while waiting for results.