COVID-19 testing and asymptomatic spread
Workers prepare to take their break and wait their turn to wash their hands.

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But if you don’t feel sick, what’s the problem? You can still work.

The problem is, you can spread the virus to other people—and those people might get really sick.

My son decided to get a test when his mayordomo got sick. Even though my son felt fine, he knew that if he had the virus, he could give it to the rest of our family. He wanted to keep us safe.

I'm thinking about my grandmother who lives with us, and my mom. I want to protect them. Martha, where can I go to get a test?

Call the health center that’s closest to your home. They can tell you where to go. Some places are even offering COVID testing for free. But remember—while you’re waiting to get your test results back, you need to be extra careful. Wear your mask, wash your hands and stay far away from people. You don’t know whether you have the virus or not.

We had some bad news at work today. Our friend Juan found out that he has the virus.

Oh, no. I hope he gets better soon.
I hope so, too. In the meantime, I’m thinking about getting tested. I want to keep you and abuela safe.

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Are you feeling okay? Do you need me to make you some tea?

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Let’s have dinner outside tonight. We can sit farther apart, and that way the virus doesn’t hang around in the house.

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It’s better to know. That way, if you are sick, you can take extra steps to keep our family safe. And if not, we’ll have some peace of mind.

Jorge, while you’re waiting for your results, you should stay home unless it’s absolutely necessary to leave. I’ll get the groceries and go to the pharmacy.

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Where are you going to get the test?

I'm going to call the health center tomorrow and find out. Maybe I can make an appointment there. But there are also pharmacies that have free tests.

Jorge! You're at work! I thought you got tested for COVID.

I did, but my results came back negative! I'm okay.

I scheduled my test for tomorrow. I want to know if I have the virus, too. That way I don't get my mom sick.

I'm so glad you're alright. You must feel so much better knowing that you're not sick.

If you know, you can protect the people that you love.

I do. It feels better to know.
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