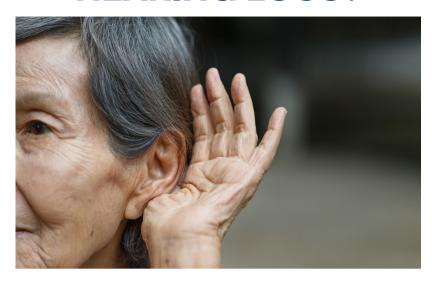
HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE HEARING LOSS?



You may experience or exhibit one or all of these common symptoms of hearing loss:

- Speech and other sounds seem muffled
- Trouble hearing high-pitched sounds (e.g., birds, doorbell, telephone, alarm clock)
- Trouble understanding conversations when you are in a noisy place, such as a restaurant
- Trouble understanding speech over the phone
- Trouble hearing speech consonants (e.g., trouble hearing the difference between s and f, between p and t, or between sh and th in speech)
- Asking others to speak more slowly and clearly
- Asking someone to speak more loudly or repeat what they said (when "What?" is a common response in your daily vocabulary)
- Turning up the volume of the television or radio
- Ringing in the ears
- Hypersensitivity to certain sounds (certain sounds are very bothersome or create pain)

If you have any signs of hearing loss, you will want to get a comprehensive hearing test performed by a qualified healthcare provider.