

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COVID-19 TEST RESULTS

ANTIGEN TESTING



Testing for current infection
Results available the same day

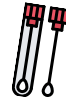
POSITIVE

YES, you most likely have an active infection.

NEGATIVE

You probably do NOT have a current infection but will need a viral test to confirm.

VIRAL TESTING (PCR)



Testing for current infection
Results can take up to 5 days

POSITIVE

YES, you most likely have an active infection.

NEGATIVE

NO, you most likely DO NOT have a current infection.

ANTIBODY TESTING

Testing for past infection of COVID-19 Results available same day



POSITIVE

You probably had an infection in the past.

NEGATIVE

You probably HAVE NOT had an infection in the past.



You most likely have a current infection and can give it others if you have the following test results:

POSITIVE ANTIGEN AND POSITIVE ANTIBODY TESTS

POSITIVE ANTIGEN AND NEGATIVE ANTIBODY TESTS

POSITIVE VIRAL AND POSITIVE ANTIBODY TESTS

POSITIVE VIRAL AND NEGATIVE ANTIBODY TESTS

You likely had and have recovered from COVID-19 if you have the following test results:

NEGATIVE VIRAL AND POSITIVE ANTIBODY TESTS



You likely have not had a COVID-19 infection if you have the following test results:

NEGATIVE VIRAL AND NEGATIVE ANTIBODY TESTS

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Urgent Care

If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately: Trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face. Call 9-1-1 and alert the operator that the patient has or might have COVID-19.



If you have symptoms, you should keep monitoring symptoms and seek medical advice about staying home and the possibility of needing to be tested again.

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