

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) TESTING OVERVIEW

Two kinds of tests are available for COVID-19: viral tests and antibody tests.

- A viral test tells you if you have a current infection.
- An antibody test might tell you if you had a past infection.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR WHO SHOULD GET TESTED

- People who have symptoms of COVID-19.
- People who had close contact (within 6 feet) with someone with confirmed COVID-19.
- People who have been asked or referred to get testing by their healthcare provider, local or state health department.

If you do get tested, you should self-quarantine/isolate at home pending test results and follow the advice of your health care provider or a public health professional.

HOW TO GET TESTED FOR CURRENT COVID-19 INFECTION

- You can visit your state or local health department's website to look for the latest local information on testing.
- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and want to get tested, call your healthcare provider first.

RESULTS

- If you test positive, contact your doctor and [click here](#) to know what protective steps to take to prevent others from getting sick.
- If you test negative, you probably were not infected at the time your sample was collected. The test result only means that you did not have COVID-19 at the time of testing. [Click here](#) and continue to take steps to protect yourself.

