



COVID-19 TESTING OFFERED AT NEIGHBORS

TEST	TEST TYPE	RESULTS	OVERVIEW
Antigen	Nasal Swab	~15 min.	Rapid antigen testing, or 'real-time' testing, can be quickly performed at the ER with a nasal swab. The test detects a viral protein in an individual with an active infection. Manufacturer-published information states that the test is 100% specific (Meaning: if it is positive it is 100% accurate), and that it is 80% sensitive (meaning: if it is negative, it is 80% accurate). If an antigen test comes back negative, but symptoms strongly indicate a potential COVID infection, a PCR or Molecular test can be performed for confirmation.
Molecular/PCR	Nasal Swab	~3-5 days (results may be delayed due to increased testing volume)	This is the most commonly used test in the US. Molecular testing detects viral genetic material (RNA) and is considered very accurate. These tests are performed with a nasal or (less commonly) oral swab. Because the genetic material has to be analyzed in a diagnostic lab setting, these tests take more time. If an antigen test is coming back negative, but you are experiencing COVID symptoms, then we may need to perform and send out a PCR test.
Antibody	Blood Draw	~10 min.	Antibody testing is performed to determine if your body is producing antibodies from a previous infection. <u>It is not used to diagnose a current infection.</u> Antibody tests determine if your blood contains the disease-specific proteins (antibodies) created to help fight off infections and provide protection against getting that disease again (immunity). Depending on when someone was infected and the timing of the test, the test may not find antibodies in someone with a current COVID-19 infection. Antibody tests should not be used to diagnose active COVID-19 infection.

NO OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE IF USING INSURANCE, CASH PAY OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

