COVID-19 TESTING WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

COVID-19 Viral Test



This test commonly uses a swab to collect a sample of mucus from the middle or back of the nose to see if the virus is present.

PURPOSE

The viral test for COVID-19 will tell you if you currently have a SARS-CoV-2 infection, which is the virus that causes COVID-19.



THE RESULTS...

A positive test indicates the virus is present. A negative result indicates that the SARS-CoV2 virus that causes the COVID-19 disease is not present. It is possible to have a very low level of the virus in the body which would provide a negative test result.



WHERE CAN I GET TESTED?

The COVID-19 Viral Nasal Swab test is performed at all of the free drive-through test sites in San Antonio and is the most effective test available to diagnose COVID-19 infection at this time.

COVID-19 Antibody (Blood) Test



The blood or serum is obtained by drawing a tube of blood or sometimes a finger prick.
Antibody tests, however, can be unreliable.



PURPOSE

Antibody tests seek to determine if you have had a prior infection. These blood tests cannot be used to diagnose or rule out COVID-19 infections.



THE RESULTS...

A positive antibody test is presumed by many to indicate that a person has developed resistance, and is immune to getting a COVID-19 infection again. This has NOT been proven with COVID-19. More time and more research are necessary to understand the meaning of a positive antibody test.



WHERE CAN I GET TESTED?

Contact your doctor or other health care professional to discuss your situation and whether he or she thinks you need a COVID-19 antibody test.



STATEMENT

Individuals should not seek or receive a point of care test; tests must be sent off to a lab to process to obtain the results. On-the-spot antibody testing is not allowed by the FDA at this time.



Have Questions?

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Social Distancing for exempt businesses



Regularly clean surfaces, especially those that are high touch, like handrails, elevator buttons, doorknobs and hard surfaces

Maintain six feet of distance between individuals

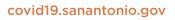


Have hand sanitizers





Provide cleaning supplies





hand washing areas available

Face covering facts

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering



To safely remove a used cloth face covering, be careful not to touch eyes, nose, and mouth and wash hands immediately after removing





Cloth face coverings should be regularly washed or cleaned



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