

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS FOR COVID-19 TESTS?

PCR

Antigen

<p>PCR is the most commonly used technique for detecting the presence of SARS-CoV-2. PCR is the gold standard of COVID-19 tests. This test is highly accurate and reduces the chance of receiving a false-positive or false-negative result.</p>	<p>The less sensitive antigen test could potentially show false negative or false positive test results and patients may need additional confirmatory testing.</p>
<p>Used best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommended for diagnostic testing of vaccinated, asymptomatic individuals following recent known or suspected exposure to SARS-CoV-2• Testing anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19	<p>Used best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In symptomatic people and within a certain number of days since symptom onset• Antigen tests also may be informative in diagnostic testing situations in which the person has a known exposure to a person with COVID-19
<p>May be best if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require highly sensitive results• Often used as diagnostic testing• Does not require confirmatory	<p>May be best if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prefer rapid (<30 min) results that may require a confirmatory PCR test• Can be used as pre-entry testing into congregate settings• Can be used as response testing in an outbreak• Can be used for screening test performed twice weekly