

# COMPARING COVID-19 TESTS:

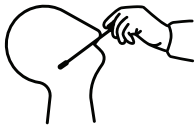
## What are the differences?

(SARS-CoV-2 is the coronavirus that causes COVID-19)

### PCR TEST



Detects SARS-CoV-2 genetic material.



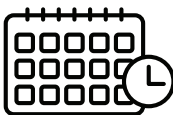
Preferred sample is a nasopharyngeal (NP) swab. Can use nasal/throat swab or saliva.



Indicates whether you currently have COVID-19.



Most sensitive and specific test—the “gold-standard” for diagnosis.

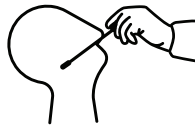


Can take several minutes to up to several days for results.

### ANTIGEN TEST



Detects SARS-CoV-2 proteins.



Sample is an NP swab or nasal swab.



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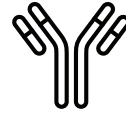


Not as sensitive as PCR. May miss some infections.

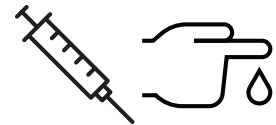


Takes about 15 minutes for results.

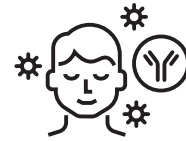
### ANTIBODY TEST



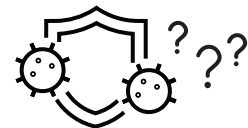
Detects antibodies produced in response to SARS-CoV-2 infection.



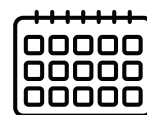
Sample is blood collected from a vein or finger stick.



Indicates whether you had COVID-19 in the past. Not used to diagnose a current infection.



Currently DOES NOT indicate whether you are immune to re-infection.



Can take a day to up to several days for results.