

When do I get a COVID-19 test?

You should get tested for COVID-19 if:

- You have symptoms of COVID-19
- You had close contact with someone who has COVID-19
- You have participated in activities that put you at high risk for COVID-19 exposure, such as travel, large/mass gatherings/events, or being in crowded indoor settings with poor ventilation
- Your healthcare provider has recommended you receive a COVID-19 test, or you are travelling internationally and **your destination requires a negative COVID-19 test**

Where do I get a COVID-19 test?

COVID-19 testing is available through select pharmacies, healthcare providers or state or local public health centers. Visit www.HHS.gov to find locations near you.

Do COVID-19 tests cost money?

Low or no-cost active viral infection tests are available to everyone in the US, including the uninsured, at health centers and select pharmacies nationwide. Before your appointment, call ahead and verify costs with your testing provider.

What kind of COVID-19 test do I get?

	Molecular (PCR)/Antigen: Diagnostic (viral) tests show current infection		Antibody: Antibody (serology) tests show past infection
	PCR Testing	Antigen Testing	Antibody Testing
Use	<p>A type of molecular test used to accurately detect active infections. It's the gold standard for testing.</p> <p>It is the most commonly used nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT).</p>	<p>Used to identify active infections. It is a fast, reliable, and affordable alternative to PCR testing.</p>	<p>Shows if a person's body has had an immune response to COVID-19.</p>
Accuracy	Better	Good	Varies
Results turnaround	1-3 days	15-30 minutes	1-2 days
Test method	Saliva or swab from the nose or throat	Swab from the nose or throat	Blood from the arm or finger stick

COVID-19 tests can test for current or past infection. To learn which test is right for you, try the Right Test Right Time tool at ActAgainstCOVID.com.

