

COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING FAQs

Q: What does the COVID-19 antibody test actually test for?

A: Testing will determine the presence of both the IgG and the IgM antibodies in the blood that are produced by the body in response to SARS-CoV-2 virus.

A POSITIVE test result means antibodies are present.

A NEGATIVE test result means antibodies are not present.

Q: What is the benefit of antibody testing?

A: Testing will determine if a patient has antibodies. Therefore, the result will also confirm whether or not the patient has positively had the COVID-19 virus, and now has the antibodies that could potentially prevent re-infection.

Q: How is the antibody test performed?

A: The test is performed by taking a blood serum sample at one of our two Cure Urgent Care locations. The sample is then sent out to the laboratory we contract with to be analyzed.

Q: How accurate is the test?

A: The serum blood draw test provided at Cure Urgent Care is 97% accurate, versus the pin-prick rapid test, which is 85% accurate.

Q: Who should get the antibody test?

A: Anyone is eligible for the antibody test. There is no need to have had prior COVID-19 testing or confirmed symptoms.

Q: When is it best to have the antibody test done, given a confirmed positive COVID-19 result or confirmed symptoms?

A: It could take up to 4 weeks after known infection for antibodies to develop. For those who have had no symptoms, conclusive timing for accurate results cannot be determined.

Q: How long does it take to get test results?

A: Please allow for up to 2 to 3 business days for results.

Q: How will results be communicated to the patient?

A: Patients will receive results via the CURE patient portal - activation is required in order to be tested. To register in the Cure Urgent Care patient portal, please go to yourhealthfile.com/portal/login.jsp. **Activation on the CURE patient portal is mandatory in order to receive your results.**

Q: Is COVID-19 antibody testing covered by insurance?

A: All major insurances are accepted at Cure Urgent Care. Copays and/or coinsurance will apply. Patients should consult with their insurance carrier **prior to testing** regarding coverage for the laboratory portion of their visit.

Q: What if the lab conducting the antibody test is not in my insurance network?

A: There is a self-pay option which is \$50 for both the IgG and IgM antibody tests.

Q: How do I schedule a COVID-19 antibody test at Cure Urgent Care?

A: Antibody testing is available at either of our 2 Manhattan locations **by walk-in only**. We strongly recommend that new patients register prior to walking in to help reduce wait time. **Please call the location of your choice to pre-register.**

Q: When will you begin testing?

A: Testing will begin Thursday, April 16th.

Disclaimer:

Proof of antibodies is only one part of determining quarantine limitations. The CDC has no official policy regarding proof of antibodies and what that means for stay at home orders. Patients should follow the instruction of their State agencies and the CDC once released.