

## Types of COVID tests

	<b>Molecular Test</b>	<b>Antigen Test</b>	<b>Antibody Test</b>
<b>Also known as...</b>	Diagnostic test, viral, test, RT-PCR test, LAMP test	Rapid diagnostic test	Serological test, blood test, serology test
<b>How sample is taken...</b>	Nasal or throat swab, saliva (a few tests)	Nasal or throat swab	Blood draw
<b>How long it takes to get results...</b>	1-7 days	One hour or less	1-3 days
<b>If another test needed...</b>	Test is highly accurate, usually does not need to be repeated	Positive results are usually highly accurate but negative results may need confirmed with a molecular test.	Sometimes a second antibody test is needed for accurate results
<b>What it shows...</b>	Diagnoses active coronavirus infection	Diagnoses active coronavirus infection	Shows if individual has been infected in past
<b>What it cannot do...</b>	Show if you ever had COVID-19 or were infected in past	Definitively rule out active coronavirus infection. More likely to miss an active infection	Diagnose active coronavirus infection or show if individual does not have coronavirus infection