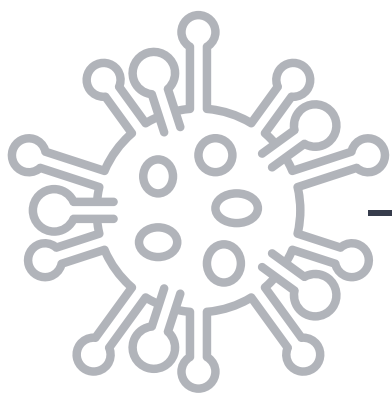


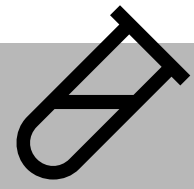
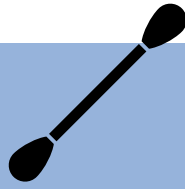
Which COVID-19 Test is Right for You?



COMPARING THE 2 TYPES OF COVID-19 TESTING

COVID-19 SWAB TEST

COVID-19 ANTIBODY TEST



WHO SHOULD BE TESTED?

Individuals who have COVID-19 Symptoms or have had close contact with a COVID positive individual

Individuals who think they may have had COVID-19 in the past and don't have symptoms now

WHEN SHOULD YOU BE TESTED?

Individuals should be tested when symptoms develop or 5 - 7 days after contact with an individual who is COVID-19 positive

Individuals should be tested several weeks after exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual

HOW ARE SAMPLES COLLECTED?

Nasal or Throat Swab

Blood Draw or Fingertpick

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Through a healthcare provider or at West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital with a physician's order

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WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF THIS TESTING METHOD?

Early detection for positive COVID-19; Highly selective and specific

Rapid testing available for past exposure

WHAT IS THE SCIENCE BEHIND THIS TEST?

COVID-19 test uses PCR technology and detects the genetic information that indicates active infection and that virus is present

Serology testing can check for different types of antibodies developed after exposure to COVID-19

(Note: detection of antibodies has not yet been proven to indicate immunity)

HOW LONG TO RECEIVE THE RESULTS?

Varies by facility; as quick as 24 hours up to several days

Varies by facility

Sources: CDC, SLAS, Heartland Pathology