YOUR GUIDE TO COVID-19 TESTS

	SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR TEST	SARS-CoV-2 ANTIGEN TEST	SARS-CoV-2 ANTIBODY TEST
When and why should I request this test?	• To **confirm** a current COVID-19 infection – with or without symptoms • For international travel, if required by the destination country • For hospital pre-admission • To confirm infection status after close contact or exposure to someone infected with COVID-19	• To **detect** a suspected current COVID-19 infection – with or without symptoms • Most reliable 2 days prior to, and 5 – 7 days after symptoms start • When a rapid result is required OR there is limited access to PCR testing • Testing of organisational groups on- or off-site e.g. Occupational Health	• To **determine** a past COVID-19 infection (after 14 days) • To determine prior exposure - with or without symptoms (N-IgG test) • To determine post-vaccine antibody response (S-IgG test) • For international travel, if required by the destination country e.g. China (IgM test)
What is the benefit of this test?	Highly accurate and most sensitive test available, no further confirmation is needed	To obtain a rapid test result Please note: • This test is less sensitive than a COVID-19 PCR test • False negatives and positives may occur • You might be required to perform a confirmatory PCR test	Provides information on previous COVID-19 infection or vaccination Please note: • Antibody testing is most reliable after 14 days of suspected COVID-19 infection • Not recommended to confirm a current suspected COVID-19 infection
How long before results are available?	24-48 hours after being received in the laboratory	2-4 hours after being received in the laboratory	24 hours after being received in the laboratory
How much does the test cost?	R500.00	R150.00	R240.40 (IgG); R286.40 (IgM) or R767.20 for the full profile

For more information, visit our website or contact the Ampath COVID-19 testing site nearest you.

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