ARIA DIAGNOTIC'S COVID-19 IgG Antibody Test is Available



ABOUT THE TEST

As Indiana businesses re-open, everyone needs to continue to take precautions to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Testing remains one of our most powerful tools to stop the spread of COVID-19 and ensure our community is healthy and thriving.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TESTING

- Identifies COVID-19 positive patients so they may self-isolate and reduce the spread of disease
- Identifies asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19
- Ensures symptoms similar to allergies, colds, or the flu are not COVID-19 related
- Enables public health officials to track and prevent the spread of COVID-19 through contact tracing

WHO SHOULD GET TESTED?

- People experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- ❖ People who have been exposed to a person who is COVID-19 positive
- First responders & healthcare professionals
- People who work with populations at a higher risk for severe illness
- Workers who interact with the community
- COVID-19 IgG antibody testing, also known as serology testing, checks for a type of antibody called immunoglobulin G (IgG).

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- ❖ If you have been exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19, your body typically produces IgG antibodies as part of the immune response to the virus.
- It can take at least two weeks after exposure to develop antibodies.
- ❖ This type of COVID-19 test is for individuals who think they may have had COVID-19 and do not currently have symptoms.
- You can get the test through your doctor or healthcare provider

This test may be right for you if you:

- Are not experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19; information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the <u>CDC</u> website.
- Have not experienced a fever in the past 3 days.
- Have had or suspect you have had COVID-19, but have not experienced any new symptoms in the past 10 days (these symptoms include loss of smell or taste, difficulty breathing, feeling weak or lethargic, lightheadedness or dizziness, vomiting or diarrhea, slurred speech, and/or seizures).

This test may NOT be right for you if you:

- Are feeling sick or have had a fever within the last 3 days.
- Want to understand if you currently have COVID-19.
- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 less than 10 days ago.
- Were directly exposed to the virus in the past 14 days.
- Have a condition that weakens your immune system.

This test is only available for persons 18 years of age or older. Antibody tests may not be able to show if you have been exposed to COVID-19 because it can take at least two weeks after exposure to develop antibodies.

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HOW TO ACCESS THE TEST IN INDIANA

You have the option to get the test through Aria Diagnostics at any one of our drive through locations **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:**

https://ariadxs.stratusdx.net/testing/covid19.aspx?loc=antibody_selfpay

Northview Church	Community Church of Greenwood	St. Luke's United Methodist Church
12900 Hazel Dell Pkwy,	1477 W. Main St.,	100 W. 86 th St.,
Carmel, IN 46033	Greenwood, IN 46142	Indianapolis, IN 46260
Monday – Thursday:	Monday - Thursday:	Monday – Thursday:
10am - 3:30pm	9am – 6pm	9am – 7pm
Friday & Saturday:	Friday & Saturday:	Friday & Saturday:
10am - 3pm	9am-3pm	9am – 3pm

- The cost of the IgG Antibody test is \$75 and a release for the test and result must be signed.
- Children under 18 can be tested, as long as with a legal guardian.
- ❖ Test results are available within 72 hours.
- To receive your test results, you will need to sign in or create an Aria Diagnostics account.
- This test is not an at-home test.
- This test does not tell you if you have an active COVID-19 infection.

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SCIENCE BEHIND THE TEST

- ❖ The SARS-COV2- IMMUNOASSAYS (IgG) can provide a broader picture of the SARS-CoV-2 virus such that if someone has been previously infected with the virus it can show up in the body long after the initial infection. This test is designed by trusted and leading Abbot scientists and manufactured in volumes required to support the urgent needs of ongoing patient care.
- ❖ While molecular testing (swab testing) can identify people currently infected with the virus, only the antibody test can tell whether someone has been previously infected. This type of information will help scientists better understand how long these antibodies stay in the body and if they provide immunity. This information also helps public health officials understand how widespread the outbreak is and could help support development of treatments and/or vaccines for COVID-19.
- ❖ The IgG Antibody test that Aria Diagnostics uses is the only FDA approved test for detecting the SARS-COV2-IgG Antibody at this point in time. It is important to note that a similar test called the IgM antibody test is unreliable and has not been approved by the FDA, the China's Center for Medical Device Evaluation, or the NMPA, which is China's equivalent of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. These tests, supplied by Chinese manufacturers, are unreliable and can produce false results (either negative or positive).