



COVID-19 | PCR TESTING FAQ's

WHAT IS THE COVID-19 PCR TEST?

The COVID-19 PCR test is a diagnostic test that can find the virus that causes COVID-19. The test samples are collected from patients by inserting a small flexible swab into the nose. Once the collection is complete, the swab and liquid inside the collection tube is put into individual collection plates and analyzed in the laboratory for the presence of COVID-19.

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE TEST?

The cost of the PCR test is \$95.00

DO I NEED A PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS?

A physician's order are not required to take this test.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF BEING SCHEDULED FOR A TEST?

Please visit <https://stratusdiagnostics.com/CovidTesting> to schedule your test. Once you click the link to schedule your test, you will fill out an on-line form with your information and then process your payment. Please be sure to use a valid e-mail address as this e-mail will be where you will receive your results. There are no calls to make and no waiting to schedule, everything for scheduling and payment is accessible in the comfort of your home.

WHAT PRECAUTIONS ARE IN PLACE FOR THE TESTING PROCEDURE?

Stratus medical staff follow the CDC guidelines for patient collection. Each medical test collector will be in protective equipment (PPE), sanitizes their hands, and change gloves between each patient. Our office does not allow waiting inside the office, and we will work to sanitize common surfaces between each appointments.

WHAT TO EXPECT UPON ARRIVAL TO THE TESTING LOCATION?

When you arrive at the testing location, you will come up to the office at your scheduled time. Please be keep your mask on until collection time and leave as soon as testing is completed.

HOW LONG WILL THE TEST TAKE?

The check-in and test collection will take less than a minute. The actual testing will take a few additional minutes.

HOW ACCURATE IS THE PCR TEST?

The PCR test is the "gold standard" in determining COVID infection. The test has a 99% Sensitivity & 99% Specificity rate.

HOW WILL THE TEST BE PERFORMED?

At Stratus Diagnostics, we only use foam swabs that are very flexible and comfortable for collection. The medical test collector will have you tilt your head back slightly and ask you open your mouth slightly to open the nasal passage. Once your head is in position the medical tester will insert the sterile flexible swab into your nose and nasopharynx. When the swab is in the nasopharynx, the collector will gently tilt the head of the swab in an up and down motion, ensuring the swab touches all areas of the nasopharynx. The swab will be in place for approximately 5 seconds. This will ensure that we have excellent collection. The entire collection process should last no more than 30 seconds. You will then be free to go on with your day!

IS THE COLLECTION PAINFUL?

Most people describe the test as a "slight discomfort". The swab is a soft foam and very flexible. Some people might experience watering of the eyes due to the tickle in the nose.

HOW LONG WILL MY RESULTS TAKE?

The test results will take up to 24-48 hours to process. Once Stratus Diagnostics has received your results, they will be available you will receive an email and a secure link directly to your results. If you have not received your results in 24 hours, please email info@stratusdiagnostics.com.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE LAB. WE CAN NOT RELEASE RESULTS OVER THE PHONE.

**Your results will also be shared to public health authorities where required by law.

IF I GET TESTED, WHAT WILL THE RESULTS TELL ME?

Your results will help identify if you are **CURRENTLY** infected with virus that causes COVID-19.

WHAT WILL THE RESULTS **NOT** TELL ME?

Your results will NOT help identify if you were exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 in the past, or if your body has or will develop antibodies.



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