COVID-19 TESTING
Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for COVID-19 testing at UR Medicine Urgent Care?
Testing is now available for everyone – whether ill with COVID-19 symptoms or asymptomatic. For testing requested based on rapid positive results, exposure or symptoms, you may require further testing and additional costs may be incurred.

What is a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test, and how does it differ from a PCR test?
The antigen test, or rapid test, detects if a patient is currently infected with COVID-19. The PCR test is considered the “gold standard” in COVID-19 detection. This test confirms with higher accuracy if a patient currently has the virus.*

Which type of test will I get?
For patients without COVID-19 symptoms and not exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual, a rapid test will be administered.
For individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, or have been exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 positive individual, a PCR test will be administered.

How long does it take to get results from a COVID-19 test?
The rapid test offers results in about 15 minutes during your visit.
Typically, individuals receive PCR test results within 24 to 48 hours. However, this can be delayed due to high demand.

How do I find out the results of the PCR test?
The quickest way to find out your PCR test results is to sign up for MyChart at mychart.urmc.edu

How much does a rapid test cost?
Since the rapid test is not covered by insurance for asymptomatic, non-exposed patients, it is a self-pay service. The cost is $75 for the rapid test and a brief provider assessment.
If, based on results/other symptoms, you require further testing, additional costs may be incurred.
The PCR test is covered by most insurance companies.

*PCR testing may be administered for required travel and employment needs. Please speak to the provider for your specific needs.