

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.