



COVID testing information

Individuals should get a COVID test if:

1. They are symptomatic and/or a medical professional has recommended it;
2. They were notified that they were a close contact of someone who tested positive; or
3. It is required for travel or other similar purposes.

Test types:

- If you get a COVID test, we recommend that you get the **PCR test** (polymerase chain reaction, also known as the molecular test), as this is the preferred diagnostic test type with the most accurate results.
- We do not recommend the **rapid test** offered by some health care facilities, as it is less accurate and can produce false negatives, and it requires a PCR test to confirm the results.
- The **antibody test** (given at the MRSD clinic) is an effective screening test for the presence of COVID antibodies indicating recent or prior infection, not current infection.

If you are sick, or are awaiting COVID test results, please STAY HOME!

For a list of all COVID testing sites in Massachusetts, go to:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/ma-covid-19-testing-sites/download>