



COVID-19 Response Tests

In response to a positive COVID-19 case, there are three kinds of tests that we may administer: PCR, LAMP and antigen, all three of which use the same procedure to obtain a sample to be tested: a nasal swab in the lower part of the nose. This [flowchart](#) provides an overview of when a specific test type may be used.

PCR

- (PCR) polymerase chain reaction
- Tests genetic material
- Uses a nasal swab
- Students 5 and up can self-administer
- Swab has to be sent to a lab
- Results in 48 to 72 hours

LAMP

- (LAMP) loop-mediated amplification
- Molecular test
- Uses a nasal swab
- Students 5 and up can self-administer
- Self-contained testing solution
- Results in 30 minutes

Antigen

- Detects the presence of a specific viral antigen
- Uses a nasal swab
- Students 15 and up can self-administer
- Results in 15 - 30 minutes

