

# Covid-19 IgG Antibody, Serum (Blood Test) FAQ



Do you think you've already had COVID-19? You can now request the test that determines if you have had it. Glendive Medical Center is now offering the SARS-CoV-2 IgG Antibody Serum Blood Test. We have outlined the basic FAQs with answers for this test below:

## **What is the purpose of the test?**

This test is intended for use as an aid in identifying individuals with an adaptive immune response to SARS-CoV-2, indicating recent or prior infection.

## **Any limitations on who can get it?**

Testing is only recommended in individuals at least 10 days post-symptom onset or following exposure to individuals with confirmed COVID-19. For 24 hours before specimen collection do not take multivitamins or dietary supplements containing biotin (vitamin B7), which is commonly found in hair, skin, and nail supplements and multivitamins.

## **How do I sign up for it?**

No appointment needed. If you have any questions, you may call the Lab at 406-345-3370.

## **Where to get the test?**

Blood will be collected for this test in the entrance of Gabert Clinic between 8am – 11am, Monday through Friday and the Lab between 11am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

## **How much does it cost?**

\$75.00 or if you have a doctor's order we can bill your insurance. A doctor's order is not mandatory for the test, however.

## How long does it take to get results?

Test results are available within 5 business days (they may take longer if sending out on Thursday or Friday due to the weekend).

## Are you immune if the test is positive?

This status is still unknown. The immune response, including duration of immunity, to SARS-CoV-2 infection is not yet understood.

For up-to-date information about this question please check out the CDC's website:

- [Clinical Questions about COVID-19: Questions and Answers](#)
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html>

## Is there any follow-up required?

No follow up is needed; however, all tests are reported to the State and Local County Health.

## Test Interpretations

- **Negative Result:** No IgG antibodies to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) detected. Negative results may occur in serum collected too soon following infection, in immunosuppressed patients, or in some individuals with prior mild illness. Follow-up testing with a molecular test is recommended in symptomatic patients. This test should not be used to exclude active/recent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **Positive Result:** SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibodies detected. Results suggest recent or prior infection with SARS-CoV-2. Correlation with epidemiologic risk factors and other clinical and laboratory findings is recommended. Serologic results should not be used to diagnose recent SARS-CoV-2 infection. Protective immunity cannot be inferred based on these results alone. Infrequently, false-positive results may be due to prior infection with other human coronaviruses. **PLEASE NOTE: If you receive a positive test result, it is important to continue to practice social distancing guidelines! The immune response, including duration of immunity, to SARS-CoV-2 infection is not yet understood.**