

Which Covid-19 test should I (your child) get?

It is always best to talk with your (your child's) health care provider about which test is best for you (your child).

For people with symptoms, the most important thing to do is to get one of the two viral diagnostic tests.

If you (your child) have (has) symptoms, get the quick antigen test if it is available. If it is positive, start isolating to protect those around you (your child) from the spread of the virus.

But if the antigen test is negative, you (your child) should get retested using a molecular (aka PCR) test and be sure to isolate, until you receive the result.

For most people who do not have symptoms but want to be tested because they may have been exposed, the molecular/PCR test is the better choice. It can find small amounts of the virus that might be seen before symptoms start.

Visit COVID19.nj.gov/testing to get a COVID-19 diagnostic test.