



# JAMESTOWN

## FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC

### Information Regarding

### ***University of Washington COVID-19 Antibody Testing***

Testing requires an order from your healthcare provider. We can arrange a telephone visit to address your request. Please stop at front desk or call clinic at 360-683-5900 to schedule a time to talk with your provider.

#### **Testing Details:**

The COVID-19 antibody test requires a blood draw, currently available at OMC lab.

The testing is not intended for those with active symptoms, concerning for possible COVID-19 infection. Such individuals require a different test (nasopharyngeal swab test).

The test requires a lab order from your healthcare provider.

In order to ensure patients understand the proper interpretation of test results, a discussion with your healthcare provider is required.

#### **Other important test information for your consideration:**

- Testing is not currently recommended by local or state Public Health Officials. There are concerns that a positive test will offer a false sense of security and/or lead to reduced social distancing.
- A positive test does not mean you have immunity to COVID-19 infection.
- A positive test does not mean you have future protection from COVID-19 infection.
- A negative test does not rule out an active COVID-19 infection.
- The UW antibody test, while demonstrating excellent sensitivity and specificity, can cross react with other Coronaviruses, resulting in false positive results. (Positive test does not guarantee it was SARS-Cov2, the virus that causes COVID-19).
- Positive test does not mean you should relax social distancing, masking when appropriate, and other currently recommended precautions.

## General Information from UW Medicine

### Lab Name

COVID-19 Antibody, IgG

### Description

The SARS-CoV-2 IgG assay is a qualitative test designed to detect IgG antibodies to the nucleocapsid protein of SARS-CoV-2 in serum and plasma from patients who are suspected of past coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or in serum and plasma of subjects that may have been infected by SARS-CoV-2.

**Reactive (Positive)** results may be due to past or present infection with non-SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus strains, such as coronavirus HKU1, NL63, OC43, or 229E.

**Nonreactive (Negative)** results do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection, particularly in those who have been in contact with the virus. Follow-up testing with a molecular diagnostic should be considered to rule out infection in these individuals. Results from antibody testing should not be used as the sole basis to diagnose or exclude SARS-CoV-2 infection or to inform infection status.

This test has not been reviewed by the FDA.

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**Given the limitations of the COVID-19 antibody testing, the JFHC does not endorse testing at this time. We recognize that individuals may still choose to be tested, and after a visit with a JFHC provider, for purposes of informed consent, the test will be ordered. Per Federal mandate, there should be no co-pay associated with a visit devoted to COVID-19 testing.**

**Further questions about COVID-19 testing and results interpretation should be directed at your healthcare provider during the time of your visit.**

**Patients are advised to use caution around obtaining and interpreting other publicly marketed COVID-19 testing, outside the context of a discussion with your trusted healthcare provider.**