

COVID-19 RESEARCH STUDY

Do I need to bring anything with me to my testing appointment?

You will need to bring your employee ID badge to present to the testing site personnel for verification of your participation in the research study

How long will it take to complete my testing appointment?

10-15 minutes

How early should I arrive for my appointment?

Please plan to arrive about 5 minutes early.

Am I able to schedule a same-day appointment?

No

If I am running late for my testing appointment, should I still show up for testing or do I need to reschedule?

If you are running late, contact us at 352-733-3999 and we can confirm when we can see you in between patients.

If I am having respiratory symptoms, should I still come to my testing appointment?

No, if you are ill, please contact your occupational health provider or primary care physician for a physical examination. If you need emergency care, please call 911 or report to your nearest emergency department.

Is this study only for EMS, firefighters, police and Emergency Room staff? What if my friends, family, roommates, etc. want to get tested?

At this time, the study is only being offered to first responders like EMS, firefighters, police and Emergency Room staff.

If I am any of the staff listed above but I work outside Alachua County, can I still get tested?

Yes

How does the testing work?

A swab as long as a Q-tip will be inserted into your nose as it is for a flu test. This takes about 10 seconds and while a little uncomfortable, is not painful.

If I make an appointment, when and where is testing being done?

When you book your appointment, you will receive a confirmation with the date, time, and location of your appointment, as well as other details.

How do I cancel my appointment?

You do not need to do anything to cancel your testing appointment. If you do not show up, the test will be reallocated to someone else.

How will negative swab test results be communicated?

You will receive an email within 24-48 hours with your negative results

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How will positive swab results be communicated?

You will be contacted by phone by the ED Research Study Staff within 24-48 hours with your results and recommendations.

How will I receive my antibody test results?

All antibody tests will be reported via email. Antibody test results do not confirm immunity at this time. These results may take up to 1 week.

If I get an email that my results are negative, does that mean my swab and my antibody blood test were negative, if I chose to have both tests completed? Or will I get a separate email for each test (swab and blood test)?

You will get a separate e-mail for each test.

Anything specific I need to do if my swab is negative but my antibody test is positive?

No. The negative swab test indicates that you are currently not carrying the virus in your nose and throat, and consequently you should not be infectious – however, we would recommend a repeat swab test with the standard health department clinical test, just to make sure that you are negative. The positive antibody test indicates that you have been infected at some point in time with COVID-19, and that you have antibodies to the virus. We cannot guarantee that these antibodies will protect you from getting infected again (and you should continue to use your PPE), but if you have antibodies, it is likely that your chance of getting infected again is lower – and if you get infected, illness should be milder.

If I have not received my results in 48 hours, should I contact someone?

Yes. After 48 hours, if you have not received your results, please email our team at EDResearch@health.ufl.edu
Antibody results will take up to 1 week.

My research results were negative but now I am having symptoms, what do I do?

Self-quarantine and contact your health care provider for further instructions. If it becomes a medical emergency, call 911 or proceed to your nearest emergency department for assistance.

If I decide that I no longer want to be a part of the research study, whom do I contact?

Email our team at EDResearch@health.ufl.edu

Other Questions? Contact:
EDResearch@health.ufl.edu