

## **COVID-19 Antibody Testing is Now Available at all Patient Centers\***



COVID-19 antibody testing (which requires a blood draw) is available at all HNL Lab Medicine Patient Centers. This test is for individuals who know or think they may have had COVID -19 and haven't had any symptoms for the past 14 days. It can check for antibodies developed after exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19.

The COVID-19 antibody test is not to be used as a sole basis to diagnose or exclude infection.

HNL Lab Medicine offers a Self-Pay option for \$57.00,² with a prescription from a healthcare provider. Healthcare providers can also collect patient blood specimens in their offices and send the samples to HNL Lab Medicine for testing.

<u>Please note: This test is different from the COVID-19 PCR Swab test, which indicates if there is an active infection and that the virus is present.</u><sup>3</sup>

Patients suspected of having or confirmed to have active COVID-19 infection or disease may not visit HNL Lab Medicine Patient Centers. Patients who believe they may have COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to contact their healthcare provider.

<sup>1</sup>COVID-19 antibody testing limitations:

- Antibody test results should not be used as the sole criterion to confirm or rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection or to assess infection status.
- Negative results do not exclude infection with SARS-CoV-2, especially in individuals with known exposure to virus.<sup>4</sup>
  - o Follow-up molecular diagnostic testing should be considered in those with known exposure to COVID-19.4
  - o Immunocompromised patients infected with COVID-19 may have a delayed antibody response or antibody levels too low to result in a positive test.4
- Positive results suggest exposure to SARS-CoV-2 but do not indicate immunity.
- Past or current infection with non-SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus strains, including HKU1, NL63, OC43, or 229E, can cause false-positive results.<sup>4</sup>
- Not for use in screening donated blood.

<sup>2</sup>To qualify for Self-Pay Pricing, have your blood drawn at any HNL Lab Medicine Patient Centers listed at <u>www.HNL.com/locations</u> and inform the phlebotomist prior to getting your blood drawn that you would like to Self-Pay

<sup>4</sup>Abbott ARCHITECT SARS-CoV-2 IgG [package insert]. Chicago, IL: Abbott, April 2020. Information provided by ARUP Laboratories.

\*During the COVID-19 outbreak, we are limiting hours and temporarily closing some Patient Centers. Please call customer care at 877-402-4221 or visit www.HNL.com/locations for open Patient Centers and hours.

## As a reminder

For everyone's safety and with the current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Pennsylvania Department of Health, we require all visitors and staff to wear a face mask before entering our facilities. We appreciate your help in keeping our health care workers and our community safe. Patients who are concerned that they or a family member are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately contact their healthcare provider to determine their next steps. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The COVID-19 PCR Swab test is NOT available for collection at HNL Lab Medicine's Patient Centers. The COVID-19 PCR Swab test is for those individuals who have symptoms or meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's testing criteria.