

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Trinity Health to offer COVID-19 serology (antibody) testing



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Trinity Health is offering COVID-19 serology (antibody) testing to colleagues who would like to have the test done. Some Health Ministries already have this in place, and we are now expanding this program. All Health Ministries will begin offering serology testing to patients and colleagues over the coming days.

The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) cleared serology testing, also known as an "antibody test," for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This antibody test can determine if someone has been infected with SARS-CoV-2 because antibodies develop after infection and can remain for weeks after a person has initial onset caused by SARS-CoV-2.

The presence of antibodies does not mean that you are immune from COVID-19. Today, we do not yet know if antibodies will provide you enough immunity to prevent a future infection. CDC scientists are studying this to understand the level of antibodies needed for protection, how long that protection may last and how a person develops antibodies.

However, we know that some colleagues are interested in getting the test done so we are making it more convenient for them to do so. Colleagues can get the test done through a Trinity Health testing location or under your Trinity Health medical plan now through as late as Dec. 31, 2020. The end of the no-cost period could be earlier due to IRS regulation. If you are enrolled in a non-Trinity Health medical plan, testing may be available, according to your medical plan provisions. If you do not have access to a Trinity Health testing location and you have no medical insurance, please refer to community resources for testing availability in your community.

See these [Understanding the Test](#), [Information for Clinicians](#) and [Understanding Your Results](#) files. Please look for more information soon about your Health Ministry's specific antibody testing timing, location and process information.