

# NYS COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ANTIBODY TESTING FOR MTA

## GETTING TESTED

Please ensure that you are wearing a mask when you enter the testing site and that you observe social distancing rules. Staff at the testing site will check your ID and register you for testing. Only one tube of blood will be taken and fasting is not necessary for this test.

## ACCESSING YOUR TEST RESULTS

Please register for the BioReference Patient Portal to view your results once they are final:

- Go to **bioreference.com/view-results**
- Click the **CREATE AN ACCOUNT** button
- Complete the registration process
- Login and click the red **COVID-19 Results – Blood collection (Antibodies)** link at the top of the page. Your results will be available in the patient portal once testing is complete, so please continue to check back periodically.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEST RESULTS

The COVID-19 antibody test uses a blood sample to identify the presence of antibodies to the novel coronavirus disease 2019. Antibodies are proteins produced by the body's immune system to try to fight infection.

You will receive two results for COVID-19 antibody testing. The first will tell you whether you are negative, equivocal or positive for having antibodies and the second will give you the numerical level of measured antibodies found in your blood. Below are possible result values you could receive:

**Negative:** Your results do not detect significant antibodies to COVID-19. It is likely that you have not been exposed to the virus, or are in the early stages of COVID-19 infection when IgG antibodies are not yet detectable. Low levels of measured antibodies can be found in negative results but do not indicate prior infection with COVID-19.

**Equivocal:** Your results are inconclusive for antibodies to COVID-19 infection. While you do have some antibodies, your levels are not high enough to yield a positive result. IgG antibodies usually rise over time if you have been infected, so you may benefit from retesting at a later date.

**Positive:** Your results detect the presence of IgG antibodies to COVID-19 at levels above the threshold. This means that you may have been infected with COVID-19 in the past, and may now have immunity to re-infection. It is important to note that data on COVID-19 is still limited, and immunity to this virus may be significantly different than has previously been observed for others. Please discuss the meaning of a positive result with your healthcare provider, as COVID-19 information is rapidly being updated.