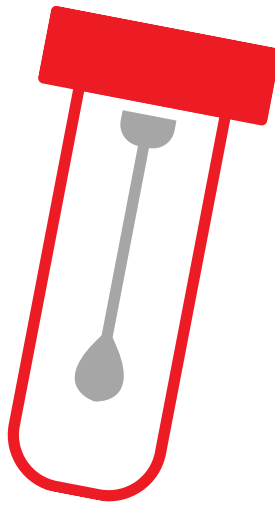


# COVID-19 TESTING: THE PCR TEST



The PCR test has been the gold standard test for diagnosing COVID-19, as it's the most accurate and reliable testing option. The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for COVID-19 is a molecular test that analyzes your upper respiratory specimen, looking for genetic material (ribonucleic acid or RNA) of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. PCR technology is used to amplify small amounts of RNA from specimens into deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), which is replicated until SARS-CoV-2 is detectable if present. PCR tests can be completed with different types of nasal swabs, including nasal swabs that collect a sample immediately inside your nostrils and nasopharyngeal swabs that go further into the nasal cavity for collection. Either type of swab is sufficient for collecting material for the COVID-19 PCR test. After collection, the swab is sealed in a tube and then sent to a laboratory for final processing.

## HOW IT WORKS

- ① A technician will swab your nostrils to retrieve a sample for the test.
- ② The swab with the sample will be secured in a tube.
- ③ Our team will package your tube to be shipped to the lab. Electronic results will be available after the lab processes the test.

