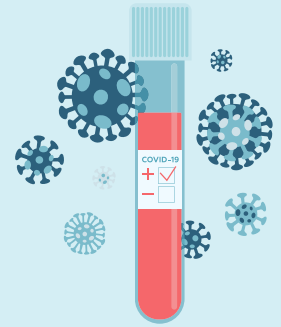


Howard County COVID-19 Antibody Study - We need your help!

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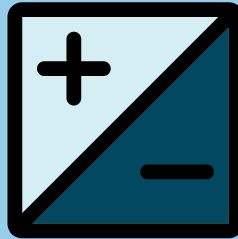
WHAT IS A SARS-COV-2 ANTIBODY TEST?

An antibody test, also called a serology test, typically checks for antibodies in your blood or saliva, which shows whether you might have been infected in the past with COVID-19.



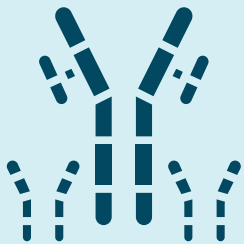
WHAT DOES A POSITIVE RESULT MEAN?

Antibodies were found in your saliva and that you may have been vaccinated or had SARS-CoV-2 infection in the past.



WHAT DOES A NEGATIVE RESULT MEAN?

Antibodies were not found in your saliva and that you may not have been vaccinated or had SARS-CoV-2 infection in the past.



WILL SARS-COV-2 ANTIBODIES PROTECT ME FROM COVID-19?

We do not know if the antibodies that the body produces after a person is infected with SARS-CoV-2 will protect them from getting infected in the future. Scientists are conducting studies to better understand if antibodies protect against future infections and, if so, how long that protection might last.

This study is being administered by Johns Hopkins University to determine how many Howard County residents have antibodies. This will help us better understand the prevalence and spread of the virus.

Learn more:

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