TYPES OF CORONAVIRUS TESTS

| | DIAGNOSTIC (VIRAL) TESTS Shows current infection | | ANTIBODY TEST Shows past infection |
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| | MOLECULAR (e.g. PCR) TEST | ANTIGEN TEST | ANTIBODY TEST |
| WHEN TO USE THE TEST | For people with symptoms of COVID-19 For people who were close contacts to COVID-19 For people without symptoms living/working in a high risk setting who are identified as part of an outbreak detection and response | For people with symptoms of COVID-19 (recommended soon after their symptoms started) | Recommended <u>only</u> for certain situations. <u>NOT</u> for diagnosing a current infection <u>NOT</u> to show a person does not have COVID-19 |
| HOW THE TEST IS DONE | Saliva, or swab from nose or throat | Swab from nose or throat | Blood from arm or finger stick |
| HOW THE TEST WORKS | Detects genetic material (RNA) within the COVID-19 virus | Detects proteins (or antigens) on the surface of the COVID-19 virus | Detects antibodies made by the immune system in response to COVID-19 infection |

