

MediExcel Members have Access to COVID-19 and Antibody Testing

Excel Hospital in Tijuana now has COVID-19 testing available for MediExcel members.

Who Should Get Tested

Consider getting tested if you; have symptoms, have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, are an essential worker, live in a multifamily home, or have a chronic health condition, such as hypertension or diabetes.

COVID-19 Testing

If you have symptoms, a PCR viral test is used to diagnose if you have COVID-19. Most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home without medical care. Viral tests identify the virus in samples from your respiratory system, such as a swab from the inside of your nose. Your results will be available in three days.

If you have symptoms and want to get tested or have questions about your health, **please call the Member Line first.**

If you have symptoms and test negative by a viral PCR test, you are less likely to have COVID-19. If you have symptoms and test positive, you are more likely to have contracted the virus.

Antibody Testing

Antibody tests check your blood by looking for antibodies. Antibodies are proteins that help fight off infections and can provide protection against getting the disease again. It is not known how much protection the antibodies may provide or how long this protection may last. Your results will be available in one day.

One of the antibodies tested begins to form a week after infection and can last weeks in your system. A second type of antibody tested begins to form several weeks after infection and can last months in your system. Testing for both antibodies can help determine if and when someone has been infected.



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