

Binax Antigen COVID-19 Testing Guidelines



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Patient with **NO** high-risk exposure

Symptom	Testing Recommended			Instruction and Recommendations
	COVID-19 Binax Antigen only	COVID-19 Binax with reflex PCR or molecular	COVID-19 PCR or molecular only	
Fever (100.4 or greater)		✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss IDPH/LHD testing guidelines with patient/family. Shared decision regarding tests. • COVID-19 PCR test must be performed on all patients with high-risk exposure. • If > 1 COVID-19-like symptom, PCR or molecular test required. • If no test performed, assume positive. • If PCR test performed, isolate patient (if capable and independent) until results received. All other household members quarantine until results received. • Consider other appropriate testing and treatments – influenza, RSV, strep. • Repeat testing may be necessary if initial test negative and symptoms continue or worsen.
Chills		✓		
Shortness of breath		✓		
Cough		✓		
Myalgias		✓		
Loss of taste or smell		✓		
Sore throat (strep negative)		✓		
Nasal congestion or runny nose (without a history of allergies)		✓		
Fatigue		✓		
Headache (no history of headaches)		✓		
Diarrhea		✓		
Isolated sore throat (strep positive)	✓		○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binax Antigen testing is not reliable if symptoms > 7 days. • If symptoms continue or worsen, return for PCR or molecular test. • For individuals fully vaccinated or with COVID-19 infection > 90 days ago, additional testing with PCR and sequencing is recommended.
Isolated headache consistent with past headaches (history of migraines or headaches)	✓		○	
Isolated nausea/vomiting	✓		○	
Isolated nasal congestion or runny nose (with a history of allergies)	✓		○	
Isolated abdominal pain	✓		○	

✓ = testing recommended

○ = optional

