

Co-Immunity Project

Healthcare Worker Study Frequently Asked Questions

Who is conducting the study?

The Community Study portion of the Co-Immunity Project is led by Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar in collaboration with Dr. Kenneth Clark, Dr. Jon Klein, Dr. Rachel Keith, and Dr. Barbra Cave.

Who can Participate:

Anyone working for University of Louisville Health or any UofL clinical facility (UofL Hospitals, UofL Physicians, etc.)

What is Involved:

To minimize exposure risk, healthcare worker study participants will enroll online, pick up test kits, collect their own samples, and drop them off.

1. Participants will enroll online, complete a short survey, and schedule appointment times to pick up and drop off test kits.
2. Participants will administer their own tests at home or wherever it is convenient. Two tests will be self-administered; a nasal swab PCR and a finger stick antibody test.
3. Participants will drop off their samples at the scheduled appointment time

What if I change my mind?

Your participation in this research study is always completely voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any time. If you wish to withdraw from the study, all you have to do is email us at covidsupport@louisville.edu.

What is the timeframe?

Co-Immunity will test community members every eight weeks until the end of 2020.

How can I contact you?

Please email covidsupport@louisville.edu or call 855-942-4227.

What tests are you using, and will I get my test results?

We use PCR nasal swab tests to look for active infection. Watch [this video about PCR tests](#) to learn more about them. You will receive your nasal swab PCR test results in 48 to 72 hours after your appointment.

- If your test is negative, then we will send your results to you online, the same way you received information about your testing appointment. If your test is negative, then you do not need to take any further action.
- If your test is positive, then you have evidence of a COVID-19 infection. You will need to follow up with your healthcare provider and start isolating as soon as you find out. If your nasal swab PCR test is positive, we will call you on the phone number you provide when you make your testing appointment.
- We are required by law to report all positive PCR tests to the Louisville Metro Department of Health and Wellness and the Kentucky State Health Department. Representatives from these agencies will call you to conduct contact tracing to find out if other people could have been exposed and gotten sick.

We use finger stick antibody tests to look for past infection. [Listen to this question and answer session about antibody tests](#) to learn more about them. You will receive your antibody test results about two weeks after your appointment. We will send your results to you online, if the test is positive or negative, the same way you received information about your testing appointment.

What if my test comes back positive?

A positive nasal swab PCR test result means that you have evidence of a current COVID-19 infection. Because you have evidence of a COVID-19 infection you will need to follow up with your doctor or healthcare provider and start isolating as soon as you find out. We are required by law to report all positive PCR tests to the Louisville Metro Department of Health and Wellness and the Kentucky State Health Department. Representatives from these agencies will call you to conduct contact tracing to find out if other people could have been exposed and gotten sick.

If your finger stick test is positive, it means that you may have healed from a past COVID-19 infection. Because you do not have an active infection, you do not need to follow up with your doctor and you do not need to isolate.