

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **COVID-19 Test Home Collection**

**We have partnered with IBX to provide high-quality at home test kits for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 coronavirus.**

As a leader in tech enabled healthcare, **miine**health has partnered with Infinite Biologics (IBX), a corporate spin off of Rutgers University. They received the first FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for saliva tests to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

# About the IBX Coronavirus Test

## **Test package dispatched and sent via FedEx Express.**

Infinite Biologix (IBX) is the world's largest university-based biorepository to provide high-accuracy home test kits for the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

IBX is a corporate spin off of Rutgers University and is accredited by the Biorepository Accreditation Program. They are accredited by the College of American Pathologists, a worldwide leader in laboratory quality assurance and received the first FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for saliva tests to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

### **Collection Method:**

Saliva Collection Tube

### **Digital Results Available Within:**

36 to 72 hours of the lab receiving the sample

### **Test Accuracy:**

Sensitivity 99.99%

Specificity 100%

### **FDA EUA:**

<https://www.fda.gov/media/137773/download> (At Home amendment)

<https://www.fda.gov/media/136875/download> (Original amendment)

## Who should get tested?

### **People exposed to the virus or who display symptoms in line with COVID-19.**

For those who have had close contact with a confirmed case, they should get tested whether or not they have symptoms.

On the flip side, people with no exposure history and no symptoms do not need to get tested.

The virus's incubation period is around 5 to 7 days, but it can be up to 14 days. If you get tested too early after exposure, it can be possible that you have a false-negative test.

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### **What does this test measure? Virus or antibodies?**

The test determines whether you have been infected by testing for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in your saliva. It does this by detecting unique genetic markers that are specific to the virus. This is not an antibody test and only detects whether you are currently infected.

If you are interested in learning more about how this test works, you may refer to the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization.

### **How does this test compare to the tests performed by hospitals or drive-thru clinics?**

Most of the tests currently available use a nasopharyngeal swab. Our tests are the first FDA EUA authorized saliva tests for COVID-19.

Preliminary data from an independent study from Yale University has found saliva tests to be more sensitive and consistent than nasopharyngeal swabs.

### **What are the COVID-19 symptoms?**

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. These symptoms generally appear between 2 and 14 days after being exposed to the virus. Symptoms range from mild to severe.

According to the CDC, symptoms of COVID-19 may include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

## **Can someone test negative and then later positive for COVID-19?**

Yes, it is possible. You may test negative if the sample was collected early in your infection and test positive later during this illness. You could also be exposed to COVID-19 after the test and get infected then. Even if you test negative, you still should take steps to protect yourself and others. See CDC guidance for Testing for Current Infection for more information.

## **How and when will I receive my test kit?**

Order your test and it ships to you with the highest priority postage for the fastest delivery to your address. You can expect to receive your test kit within ~1-2 days.

## **What do I do once I receive my test kit?**

Your test will be pre-registered to you. Open the kit and log on to miinehealth to register the test ID. Then, carefully follow instructions to collect your sample. Package the sample for return to the lab. Use the prepaid FedEx return postage on the box. Immediately hand off the package to FedEx for shipping.

## **How quickly will I receive my COVID-19 test results?**

Results will be available 2-4 days from the time of purchase. Priority shipping to the lab is included. The lab will send your results within 72 hours of receiving your sample.

## **Is this test approved by the FDA?**

Absolutely. In April 2020, Rutgers RUCDR Infinite Biologics received the first FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) enabling the use of saliva tests to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. Since then, a revised EUA for an at-home saliva sample collection was also approved. View at <https://www.fda.gov/media/137773/download>.