AVAILABLE COVID-19 TESTING FOR EMPLOYEES

If SYMPTOMATIC

Employees can use rapid antigen testing.
If initial antigen test is negative, symptomatic employees should repeat testing again, optimally 48 hours later.

NOTE: Ability on when an employee can return to work depends on severity of symptoms and/or if there is a known exposure to COVID-19. REFER TO “I FEEL SICK” algorithm for details.

OR

Employees can get a PCR at a U of U Health self-serve COVID test kiosk at South Jordan, Redwood, Sugar House, or Farmington Health Center. Or https://alert.utah.edu/covid/testing/

NOTE: Samples submitted without scheduling are discarded.

If ASYMPTOMATIC post exposure:

Exposed employees if asymptomatic can be at work but must mask for the next 10 days. If testing after a high-risk exposure and remain asymptomatic, waiting 5 days post exposure increases the chance of recovering an asymptomatic infection.

NOTE: Samples submitted without scheduling are discarded.

If testing using rapid antigen testing, need to test negative on 3 different days before presuming an individual does not have asymptomatic COVID-19.

OR

In some cases, employees can schedule a more sensitive PCR 5 days after exposure at a U of U Health self-serve COVID test kiosk at South Jordan, Redwood, Sugar House, or Farmington Health Centers. Or https://alert.utah.edu/covid/testing.

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NOTE:

• COVID-19 testing is billed to insurance as is usual diagnostic testing.
• Check with insurance provider about coverage.
• Rapid antigen tests are not as sensitive as a PCR and cannot be relied upon to diagnose COVID-19. Increasing the number of times a rapid test is performed on different days increases the predictive value of the rapid antigen test.
• Rapid antigen test kits are available at most pharmacies.
• Employees can make use of a limited supply of rapid kits in the self-service vending machine on Level LL Lobby Area E of University Hospital, and at HCH and ambulatory centers. Some kits will also be sent to HCH, HMHI, and ambulatory health centers.

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