TYPES OF CORONAVIRUS TESTS

	VIRAL TESTS Looks for current infection		ANTIBODY TEST Looks for past infection
ALSO KNOWN AS	NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) Molecular tests. Includes: PCR (such as Reverse- Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction - RT-PCR) Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)	ANTIGEN TEST	Blood test, serologic test, or "serology"
HOW THE TEST IS DONE	Saliva, or swab from nose or throat	Saliva, or swab from nose or throat	Blood from arm or finger stick
HOW THE TEST WORKS	Detects genetic material (RNA) within the COVID-19 virus	Detects proteins (or antigens) on the surface of the COVID-19 virus	Detects antibodies made by the immune system in response to COVID-19 infection
RESULTS	Same day and up to 3 days. Some are rapid (around 20 minutes)	Most are rapid, around 15 minutes or less.	Same day and up to 3 days.

