Two major types of tests are available for COVID-19: PCR and Antigen

**Lab-based PCR Testing**

PCR testing is most effective option to identify whether individual is infected, but takes longer to receive a result
- Turnaround times generally 24-72 hours
- More sensitive test makes PCR the best option to identify cases early that are in early stage of infection or post infectious phase

**Antigen Testing**

Antigen testing is most effective option to quickly identify whether individual is infectious
- Results provided within 15 minutes
- Best option if patient expects contact with high-risk individuals over next 24-48 hours
- Lower sensitivity means some cases may not be detected if viral load is low