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## **Important Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information**

AAMC continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation by receiving daily website updates from the CDC, participating in scheduled DHEC calls, reviewing all protocols, and making sure all staff are aware and following all safety guidelines and protocols.

You may or may not be tested for COVID-19 as part of your visit today. If you are tested, it is recommended that you quarantine at home until you receive your results. This means staying at home and avoiding contact with others when possible. If this is not possible, then social distancing should occur and you should wear a mask.

### **Types of Testing:**

- ◆ **Rapid Antigen Testing:** This is offered at this location in certain patients. Usually, this is reserved for patients with symptoms of less than 7 days duration. This test offers good sensitivity and is specific for the SARS-CoV2 (Covid-19) virus. However, there is some risk of false negatives (as with all such tests). The benefit of this test is rapid turnaround time. Positive results are notified same-day. Usually negatives will be notified same-day as well but may not be depending on the time of day that the test is performed
- ◆ **Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Testing:** This is the other main test that is offered at this location. This is a more sensitive test for detecting the SARS-CoV2 (Covid-19) virus. This test usually requires a 24-48 hour turnaround time.
- ◆ **Antibody Testing:** This is currently not offered at this location. Antibody testing is more useful to determine who may have already had Covid-19 in a population and is typically not used to detect active infection.

### **General Guidelines:**

- ◆ If you are currently having symptoms, then you should self-isolate while you are not feeling well. This involves staying at home and avoiding contact with others when possible. If this is not possible, then social distancing should occur and you should wear a mask.
- ◆ Most patients who have Covid-19 have mild symptoms and can be managed with typical over-the-counter treatment measures.
- ◆ If you experience any worsening in symptoms after being evaluated, then you should either call your provider at number below or proceed to the nearest Emergency Department for further evaluation and management.

### **Next Steps:**

- ◆ When you receive your test results, you will be advised about the need for further isolation/quarantine as well as return to work/school instructions.
- ◆ If you have any further questions, please contact your provider.

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### **More COVID-19 Information:**

Additional information and daily updates can be found at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and [SCDHEC.gov](https://www.scdhec.gov). Updates will also be posted at [AbbevilleAreaMC.com](https://www.abbevilleareamc.com).

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