

COVID -19 Antibody Testing Through Quest Diagnostics

The Clinic is pleased to announce a COVID-19 antibody test offered through Quest Diagnostics. The test is performed by blood draw. It is an ELISA test for SARS-CoV2 IgG, the memory antibody for the virus that causes COVID-19. The test was developed by Abbott Laboratories.

This test gives positive or negative results of the presence of IgG (memory) antibodies in the blood. A positive result *suggests possible* previous exposure, *possible* currently resolving or *possible* previous infection with the virus that causes the COVID-19 illness. Of note, having these memory antibodies is not known to provide immunity to future infections of COVID 19 at this time. The test results will be helpful to define the extent of any COVID-19 infections in our community which will help to guide recommendations regarding ongoing precautions for prevention of COVID-19.

Per Quest requirements to have the laboratory test drawn, you must not be currently ill and be asymptomatic from any recent illness for at least ten days. At the time of the test you will be required to have your temperature taken and wear face covering. Helpful information on patient testing may be found at [Patient information Abbott SARS CoV2 IgG test.](#)

This services covered by Medicare and most insurances. An initial telehealth visit with one of our physicians will be scheduled to go through screening questions regarding the specifics of any recent illness, travel history, medical history, etc. The limitations of the test results will be discussed with you and if you wish to have the test drawn, a laboratory appointment will be scheduled for you either at the Clinic or at Quest Diagnostics. Once the results are available, a second telehealth visit will be scheduled with one of our physicians to review and discuss your test results, answer any questions you may have and provide further any recommendations.

If you are interested in having testing performed, please contact the Clinic at our designated COVID-19 testing line **(941)-964-0490** or Email info@bghc.org. Please include your contact information in the email.

The Clinic will continue to monitor this fast evolving pandemic and will keep you informed with the latest U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and state recommendations and updates. Helpful links are listed on our website at www.bghc.org.