

# Any Lab Test Now

## HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS I/II, IGG (HSV I/II)

### **DESCRIPTION**

There are two types of herpes – Simplex Virus 1 (HSV-1) and Simplex Virus 2 (HSV-2). HSV 1 is very common (70% of people are infected) and they usually come into contact with the virus from an oral infection as a child.

HSV 1 = Oral herpes.

HSV 2 = Genital herpes, a sexually transmitted disease.

The Herpes Simplex Virus I/II, IgG Test measures the level of IgG antibodies (your body's immune response to the virus) in your blood. It is an accurate blood test because it tells you which virus the IgG antibodies are responding to. In other words, this test will tell you if you are positive for HSV 1 or HSV 2.

### **WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?**

Many of those infected are unaware they have it. If you've had unprotected sex (including oral) with an infected person, or someone you suspect is infected, you may have been infected. It may take up to 3 months after a possible infection for HSV to show up in blood work.

In addition, some scientific evidence suggests that people with HSV are more likely to contract HIV and other serious sexually transmitted diseases. That's why we offer a Comprehensive STD Panel.

### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY LAB TEST RESULTS?**

Test results generally take between 24 to 72 business hours after your specimen is collected.

### **AM I REQUIRED TO FAST FOR THIS LAB TEST?**

No. You are not required to fast for this test.

### **OTHER RELEVANT LAB TESTS**

If you're considering getting the Herpes Simplex Virus I/II, IgG, you might want to consider the Comprehensive STD Panel, a higher value panel that tests for several STDs including Herpes Virus I and II.

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