

Rapid RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Test

DESCRIPTION

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) affects approximately 64 million people worldwide each year. In most adults and older children, the symptoms are usually mild and “cold-like”, and can resolve on their own after a few days. In vulnerable individuals, including premature and very young infants, children with chronic lung disease or congenital heart disease, and people who are over age 65, this infection can cause much more serious illness leading to hospitalization or worse. The Any Lab Test Now Rapid RSV test is an antigen test that can provide results in approximately 15 minutes. A positive result should be further interpreted by your healthcare provider to see if any treatment is available or appropriate.

WHAT IS AN ANTIGEN TEST?

The antigen test detects certain proteins from the surface of the virus, which implies current viral infection.

WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?

If you believe you have been exposed to or currently are infected with RSV, or have had nonspecific respiratory symptoms recently and want to better identify a potential cause.

WHAT TYPE OF SPECIMEN WILL BE COLLECTED FOR THIS TEST?

This test requires either a nasal or nasopharyngeal specimen collection.

AM I REQUIRED TO FAST FOR THIS LAB TEST?

No, fasting is not required. There are no dietary or medicinal restrictions to take this test.

IS A DOCTOR'S ORDER REQUIRED?

Any Lab Test Now's ordering physician will provide the required physician's order on your behalf.

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

Results from most rapid antigen tests are available in approximately 15 minutes. Contact your testing location for more information regarding when the results will be available.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF I HAVE A POSITIVE TEST RESULT?

If you have a positive result for this test, then you are considered to be infected with the virus and presumed to be contagious. Any treatment, if appropriate, would be indicated by your healthcare provider.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF I HAVE A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT?

If you have a negative result, and are still symptomatic, there are other causes for respiratory illnesses that could still be considered.

IF I AM INFECTED BUT DON'T HAVE SYMPTOMS, CAN I STILL SPREAD THE VIRUS?

Yes, some people who have been infected with either of these viruses might not display any symptoms (referred to as asymptomatic); however, they can still be contagious and spread the virus to other people.

WHAT IF I WANT TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS WITH A PHYSICIAN?

You can share your results with your healthcare provider or contact our telemedicine partner, DialCare, and they can assist you in interpreting the results. Any Lab Test Now does not diagnose or interpret results.

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