

## 96 Food Allergy (IgE) Panel

### TEST DESCRIPTION:

The root cause of any allergic reaction, whether mild or severe, can always be traced to antibodies called IgE. The body produces antibodies as a reaction against something, and this specific type of antibody serves as a memory to recognize and attack that substance in the future. This reaction releases histamine, which causes the symptoms we associate with allergies: difficulty breathing, runny nose, itching, redness, and more, and in extreme cases anaphylaxis. This extreme inflammatory reaction can be dangerous, even deadly for some.

Allergy tests will look for many different IgE, each one specific to something different, and help identify potential causes for allergic reactions. The bigger the panel, the greater number of items that can be tested for allergic reactions. If you have a specific allergy you are interested in, consult with your local Any Lab Test Now to make sure that item or substance is being tested for in the panel of your choice.

Test results should be interpreted and discussed with your provider.

### **Am I required to fast?**

No, fasting is not required before being tested for allergies.

### **What kind of sample is required?**

A blood sample is required for the test.

### **How long will it take to get my results?**

Results are typically available within 48 to 72 business hours after the lab receives your sample.

### **Is a doctor's order required?**

Any Lab Test Now can provide a physician's order, if you are not able to provide one.

### **Do I need to make an appointment?**

No, you are welcome to walk in for same-day testing. We make it easy for you by offering work-friendly hours.

## **If I have questions about my results, who should I contact?**

We recommend you share your results with your healthcare provider. Additional testing, preventative options and/or treatment options can be considered with your healthcare provider.

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