

COVID-19 testing at HPA – Information for parents

What is the expected turnaround time for Covid test results?

Since the test is sent to an outside lab, Hunterdon Pediatric Associates cannot be certain of or guarantee the time it will take for the result to be reported. The usual turnaround time is between 2-5 days but is subject to change based on volume. **Please continue to quarantine until your results are received to prevent spread of infection.**

How will I be notified of my child's test result?

You can log into labcorp to view your results. Go to labcorp.com. You will be prompted to sign in to access your existing account or create a new account. Once registered, click on *RESULTS* to view and print if needed. An HPA staff member will only contact you if the result is positive when received from the lab. If you have not received a call from us, this means that we do not have the result yet. Please be sure your preferred phone number is updated in your child's record.

How long does my child need to isolate for if the test result is positive?

If your child is 2 or older and can consistently wear a mask around others, a 5 day isolation period is recommended if your child is fever free for 24 hours (off of fever reducing medication) and symptoms are improving. They may leave isolation on day 6 but must wear a well fitting mask for days 6-10 even if outside. If your child is under 2 or they are unable to consistently wear a mask they need to complete a 10 day isolation period.

A 5 day quarantine is recommended if your child (ages 2 or older and can consistently wear a mask) has had an exposure and is not fully vaccinated for Covid 19. They need to wear a well fitting mask consistently when around others even outside for days 6-10. This means staying out of school, not working at or attending group activities. This is the safest way to protect family, friends, and community members. Children under 2 or who cannot consistently wear a mask need to quarantine for 7 days if they test negative or 10 days without a test.

What does this mean for our other family members?

Other family members should monitor their symptoms and follow exposure quarantine guidelines.

What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?

Isolation means they are home and away from any one else in their home (if age appropriate) to prevent spread of infection. If they need to be out of their room and around others in the home they should be masked. They are not to leave their home unless they are seeking medical care.

Quarantine means they are to remain home for the entire duration of their quarantine unless they are seeking medical care.