COVID-19 Antibody testing now available

We are pleased to announce that COVID-19 antibody testing at Kaiser Permanente Colorado is available as of June 9, 2020.

• Prior to your visit, you will be required to complete an attestation form which will serve as a record that you understand what can and can’t be learned from antibody testing.

• This attestation is required for members in all Kaiser Permanente regions.

• The easiest way to take part in antibody testing is through kp.org. If you do not have a kp.org account, go to kp.org/registernow and follow the prompts to create your user account. If you have questions or problems please call the Web Manager Help Desk (1-800-556-7677).

Who can get an antibody test?

• If you would like to be tested, you will need to be without COVID-19 symptoms.

• If you previously had symptoms, more than 14 days must have passed since your symptoms started or since you tested positive by a diagnostic test.

What can I expect?

• After you complete the attestation form, you will arrange a lab visit in one of the Kaiser Permanente Colorado medical offices.

• A few days after you visit the lab, your antibody test results will be available on kp.org. Please monitor your kp.org email for notification.

• Repeat testing is not recommended at this time.

What should I know about COVID-19 antibody test?

There are important facts to understand about what a COVID-19 antibody test does and does not indicate:

• A positive antibody test may or may not indicate prior exposure to COVID-19.

• The test does not determine active infection for COVID-19.

• It is unknown whether a positive (reactive) antibody test represents immunity to COVID-19.

• A negative (non-reactive) antibody test may represent:
  • not having been exposed to or infected with COVID-19
  • the lack of an antibody response after infection (false negative)
  • not having yet mounted an antibody response after an exposure or infection (testing too soon after infection)

Given the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 antibody test, regardless of your test result, social distancing, masking, hand hygiene, and other measures to reduce the likelihood of transmitting or becoming infected with COVID-19 should be practiced at all times.