

Testing F.A.Q.s

How long is it taking to get results from Stadium Testing?

These tests are being sent to the Quest Lab, which is generally returning results in 24-48 hours. Public Health expects the Vail Health tests to take about the same amount of time.

Will there now be testing through Stadium, Centura, and Vail Health?

Yes.

Will testing through Centura be free (no co-pay for those insured; fee for uninsured folks paid by the county)?

Insurance companies are required to pay for COVID testing with no co pay. Yes, Summit County Government will pay for any tests for uninsured that our private partners won't cover. We do not want payment or lack of insurance to be a barrier to anyone who needs or wants a test.

Could the County partner with CVS/Walgreens for testing?

This type of partnership has been made in other States. Public Health is planning to follow up on this suggestion.

When might antibody testing might be offered?

There are companies distributing antibody tests. According to a letter from CDPHE issued April 21st, none of those tests have been evaluated by the FDA or at the state level for any purpose other than research. Public Health has requested from all the labs they work with to receive antibody testing as soon as valid tests become accessible.

If someone has antibodies can they get sick again?

According to the same letter referenced above, "serological tests cannot definitively predict whether a patient will be immune to infection with the virus in the future, or if they can currently spread the virus to others."

Does Public Health need volunteers to help with contact tracking?

They may, particularly Spanish speakers. Anyone who is interested, should email public health at: covidquestions@summitcountyco.gov

Does Public Health believe we have reached our peak, and if so, when was that?

They do not know for certain and that is why we need mass testing. The self-reports in the symptom tracker show a peak around March 16, but without the right testing and contact tracing we cannot know for sure. For example, there were quite a few days in the last week or so where no one entered symptoms into the symptom tracker, but when testing was opened up (through Vail Health) to anyone who was symptomatic, all appointments (approximately 130) were filled immediately. Results from this first round of testing will be helpful in answering this question.

Is there any plan to help businesses access Clorox type wipes and hand sanitizers?

Most of the PPE received in the EOC is reserved for healthcare workers and other critical work force/first responders. They do not currently have a supply of wipes or hand sanitizer to distribute widely and supply chains are still very challenged in this area.