

COVID-19 screening and testing for American Airlines team members

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Should I be tested? Throughout the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, American team members have been asking this question. Maybe they're not sure if that dry cough is allergy symptoms, the common cold -- or something worse. Or maybe they had a fever a few weeks back and think an antibody test might show if they've already had the disease.

While we will always encourage you to work directly with your primary care provider (PCP) when it comes to your well-being, American Airlines has teamed up with several health care providers to make COVID-19 screening, diagnostic viral testing (also called PCR testing) and antibody testing more easily accessible for team members and their covered dependents.

In this space, you'll find:

- [Information about antibody testing »](#)
- A list of providers we've partnered with and how they are serving team members (see below).
- [Clarification of how these services are covered by American's medical plans »](#)

While some sites will test you even if you're not showing symptoms, the most common COVID-19 symptoms to watch for are **cough** and **shortness of breath**. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) also urges monitoring for a combination of two or more of the following symptoms:

- Fever.
- Chills.
- Repeated shaking with chills.
- Muscle pain.
- Headache.
- Sore throat.
- New loss of taste or smell.

For the latest information on symptoms, refer to the [CDC website](#).

What's the difference between COVID-19 screening and testing?

Screening is a great first step if you're not sure if you should be tested. A health care provider will ask about your symptoms, if you've been exposed to someone confirmed with COVID-19, details about your medical history that might indicate you're at heightened risk, and more. When possible, screening should be done ahead of time via a telephone call or virtual visit with a health care provider.

Testing is available in two formats: viral diagnostic testing (also called PCR testing) and [antibody testing](#). The viral test can detect current infections. This is often done with a cotton swab up the nose or in the back of the throat. Antibody tests are blood tests that can help detect a past infection.

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