



# COVID-19 TESTING

AN OVERVIEW FOR FAMILIES AND EMPLOYEES



**AUTHORIZED VIRAL TESTS:** includes those that detect the COVID-19 nucleic acid or antigen. Viral (nucleic acid or antigen) tests check samples from the respiratory system (such as nasal or oral swabs) or saliva to determine if the COVID-19 virus is present.

Viral tests are recommended to diagnose an active infection.

**ANTIBODY TESTS:** Are blood tests and have not been authorized by the FDA to diagnose the COVID-19 virus in individuals and the CDC does not currently recommend using antibody testing for diagnosis of any infection. An antibody test will not show an active infection, rather, only an infection that may have been present in the past.

In accordance with the FDA, CDC, and Tulsa Health Department, Metro Christian Academy will **NOT** accept Antibody Test results as a positive or negative COVID-19 test.

The CDC recommendations for COVID-19 testing has been developed based on what is currently known about the COVID-19 virus. To review a summary of considerations and current CDC recommendations regarding COVID-19 testing strategies, please visit the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html>.