

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TESTING FOR COVID?

There is a lot of confusion about who should be tested. Here are our thoughts and advice. Please recognize that things change rapidly, so check back periodically for the latest advice.

PCR Testing (nose and throat swab) - This test is done to see if your child is currently fighting a COVID - 19 infection. Your child should have this test if:

Your child has fever or signs and symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) **AND** contact with a laboratory confirmed case of COVID1-19 in the last 14 days.

This can be done at Banner Health. Please call 1-844-549-1851 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. to schedule an appointment. <https://www.bannerhealth.com/patients/patient-resources/covid-19/testing> We cannot promise that Banner will do the test.

Serology Testing (blood test) - This test is done to see if your child has already had COVID-19. Unfortunately, the tests show a high rate of false positives. This means that if the test is positive, it may not be accurate. That is why most experts, including us, do not recommend this test, at least as of yet. We do not want people to think they are protected when they are not. This test is licensed at this time for research and making policies about COVID-19, and not to see if any individual has had COVID-19.

We know this important to you. The providers at Camelback Pediatrics are happy to arrange a telemedicine appointment with you if you feel you would like to discuss this in more detail.

Thank you!