HOW CORONAVIRUS (SARS-COV-2) MOLECULAR TESTING WORKS

The speed, precision and reliability of molecular testing helps healthcare providers detect the presence of an active infection, such as the novel coronavirus. Here’s how it works:

1. An upper respiratory tract swab collects a sample for testing.

2. The sample is mixed directly with the solution contained within the ID NOW™ sample receiver, which breaks open the virus and exposes its genetic material, the viral RNA.

3. The reagents recognize a unique section of the coronavirus genome, while ignoring other viruses even if they’re similar strains.

4. The virus genome is replicated from a few target molecules up to hundreds of millions, making the virus detectable.

5. In 13 minutes or less, Abbott’s molecular point-of-care platform ID NOW delivers results to the healthcare provider.

**IMPORTANT TEST INFORMATION**

The ID NOW COVID-19 EUA has not been FDA cleared or approved. It has been authorized by the FDA under an emergency use authorization for use by authorized laboratories and point-of-care settings. The test has been authorized only for the detection of nucleic acid and from SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens, and is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostic tests for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(c)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.