**Covid Testing**

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​It has been a long journey these past 2 years regarding. PMG became a State of MI certified Covid testing location early in the pandemic in March 2020 because one of our doctors has served as a consultant (medical director level) nationally for municipalities and companies addressing the COVID19 pandemic.

In the spring of 2022, home antigen-based tests became both more reliable and more available. These tests are often good enough to depend on it properly performed and performed at least 4 days from the outset of symptoms. It is frequently wise to test early but repeatedly if negative because testing too early in the course of Covid can miss the diagnosis, especially with home tests.

The PCR test is better, and PMG has the Abbott ID NOW, NAAT rapid PCR test. Our providers determine when these are advised over the home tests.

Home tests AFTER recovering from Covid can sometimes be a helpful indicator as to whether one is still contagious. It is not a perfect approach but can be helpful in certain circumstances, our providers can help you understand when this may be valuable.

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