

The test can detect COVID-19 in the bloodstream and does not require symptoms or a physician's approval

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Labtech diagnostics in Anderson has developed a COVID-19 antibody test that detects antibodies produced by the body following the coronavirus infection.

According to Labtech Diagnostics the antibody test, conducted by a blood draw, can tell if a patient is currently infected with coronavirus, if a patient has ever had coronavirus before, and if a patient possesses the antibody's that may grant them immunity to coronavirus.

“The beautiful thing about antibodies is that we can get an idea about who's acutely infected versus who has been acutely infected and is now recovering versus people who have been infected,” said Labtech Medical Director Dr. Bill Hinnant. And in some cases, what we've been surprised by is that some people [who possess COVID-19 antibodies] have very minimal symptoms if any.”

Labtech CEO Joesph LaBash believes that knowing who has already had the disease and is immune is a key element of stopping the spread of COVID-19 and returning to “normal life.”

“It will give us a picture at the end of the day of how far the virus has penetrated our community and how far it went and how many people had the virus that we didn't know about,” Labash said.

Labtech Diagnostics says they are currently administering the test to anyone who schedules an appointment. You do not have to show symptoms of COVID-19 or have a physician's approval to take the test. The test is \$75.

To schedule an COVID-19 antibody test, contact Labtech Diagnostics. Labtech also says the test is available at Anylabtest on Woodruff Road in Greenville and in Seneca.