

# GLENVILLE MEDICAL Concierge Care

## COVID-19 Antibody Testing at Glenville Medical

To our Glenville Medical community:

As you may be aware, for the past several weeks we have been able to swab symptomatic or high-risk patients for the presence of the novel coronavirus. At the same time, we have been researching a reliable antibody test to check for prior exposures. While no serology test is without false negatives or false positives is yet available, we believe we have found a test with favorable sensitivities and specificities, and that does not react with other common coronaviruses. Exevia Diagnostics, the lab offering this test, has agreed to come to our office and provide the test to our patients in a safe environment.

You'll find all the details below, but we first want you to fully understand the limitations of this test.

- A negative test does not absolutely mean you have not been exposed. A positive test does not absolutely mean you have been exposed.
- Most importantly, if you test positively, we do not yet know if this is the antibody that actually protects you from getting the infection again. So a positive test should not cause one to be careless.
- We will be testing IgM antibody levels, detected within 2 to 10 days of infection; and IgG antibody levels, which are detected starting 14 days after the infection. It is unknown exactly how long IgG antibody levels last, but they are believed to last at least several months.

### Costs and coverage

The IgM/IgG test costs \$129, due when you sign up in advance for the test. All payment arrangements are made directly between Exevia Diagnostics and patients. Please know that Exevia will not perform the blood draw if you have not signed up and paid in advance. Glenville Medical will help you set up the appointment and send a link for you to make your payment to Exevia. We will also contact you with the test results. **We do not anticipate insurance reimbursement for this test.**

### How to schedule and receive a test

Tests will be available (only for patients who have signed up and made payment arrangements as indicated above) in the **Glenville Medical parking lot** from 1 pm to 4 pm on these days:

- Thursday, May 7th
- Tuesday, May 12th
- Wednesday, May 13th

There is limited space and availability now, but we will add more dates as needed. Please pull into our FRONT parking lot at the assigned time and remain in your car. You may need to wait a few minutes, but the phlebotomist will be moving from car to car as quickly as possible. We are scheduling groups every 30 minutes so please leave the parking lot shortly after your blood is drawn in order to make room for the next shift.

Please email us at [glenmedantibody@optimum.net](mailto:glenmedantibody@optimum.net) to set up an appointment. Provide us with your name and a phone number where you can be reached and **our staff will call you to set up an appointment** and answer any questions.

We hope this will be a positive experience, providing helpful data for both doctors and patients, as well as useful public health information.

Remember, this is a constantly changing environment. To stay well, please continue to use physical distancing, face masks and strict hand washing practices and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Sincerely,  
Steven Mickley, MD   Judith Shea, MD   Jeffrey Puglisi, MD   Ralph Cipriani, MD

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