Three Types of COVID-19 Tests

1. **Rapid ("antigen") tests:** Will not detect COVID-19 as well in asymptomatic individuals (those without COVID-19 symptoms) as those with symptoms.
   - Will provide results in between 15 minutes and a few hours
   - Are not as reliable as PCR tests
   - May need to be repeated

2. **PCR tests:** Detect whether you *currently have COVID-19*. They are also sometimes called "diagnostic" tests because they can help diagnose you with COVID-19.
   - Will *usually* provide results within 48-72 hours
   - Are more reliable than rapid (antigen) tests

3. **Antibody tests:** Detect whether you have *previously* had COVID-19 in the past few months. Antibody tests *will not* tell you if you currently have COVID-19.