

# Types of Tests – High Level

General Term	Method	What are you looking for?	Examples
Serology	Fluorescents (EIA; ELISA; IFA; CMIA)	Antibodies	HIV, syphilis FTA, hepatitis
Antigen	Antigen (sometimes rapid)	Proteins on exterior of virus	HIV, SARS-CoV-2
Molecular	NAAT/PCR	Pathogen DNA or RNA target	Chlamydia, SARS-CoV-2, pertussis, norovirus, influenza
Culture	Culture	Growth of a pathogen	Enteric pathogens, pertussis