TYPES OF CORONAVIRUS TESTS

	DIAGNOSTIC (VIRAL) TESTS Shows current infection		ANTIBODY TEST Shows past infection
	MOLECULAR (e.g. PCR) TEST	ANTIGEN TEST	ANTIBODY TEST
WHEN TO USE THE TEST	 For people with symptoms of COVID-19 For people who were close contacts to COVID-19 For people without symptoms living/working in a high risk setting who are identified as part of an outbreak detection and response 	For people with symptoms of COVID-19 (recommended soon after their symptoms started)	 Recommended <u>only</u> for certain situations. <u>NOT</u> for diagnosing a current infection <u>NOT</u> to show a person does not have COVID-19
HOW THE TEST IS DONE	Saliva, or swab from nose or throat	Swab from nose or throat	Blood from arm or finger stick
HOW THE TEST WORKS	Detects genetic material (RNA) within the COVID-19 virus	Detects proteins (or antigens) on the surface of the COVID-19 virus	Detects antibodies made by the immune system in response to COVID-19 infection

