

# What is the difference between Testing & Screening for Covid-19?

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There's sometimes confusion around the difference between screening and testing. Here's the difference:

- **SCREENING:** This is a measure taken to determine if you are at risk of contracting the virus. It may include answering questions about your recent activities and health. In some cases, like in airports, screening can be done through temperature scanners to identify symptoms like fever.
- **TESTING:** This includes collecting a biological sample from a suspected patient like a nasal swab or a blood sample which is then tested by a laboratory for the virus or its antibodies.

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