FAQ: ABOUT COVID-19 TESTING FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS
What type of COVID-19 test is available in Costa Rica for tourists returning to their country of origin?

In Costa Rica, there are two types of tests carried out: the PCR and the antigen test, which were recently approved by the health authorities and will be made available to travelers in the coming weeks.

What is the reference price for the tests in Costa Rica?

The reference prices for PCR tests are USD $100 at laboratories in the Greater Metropolitan Area (GAM), and USD $150 outside of the GAM. The reference price of the antigen tests has not been determined yet, however, they tend to be less expensive and the results are returned faster.
Who is authorized to provide COVID-19 testing?

Testing may be done at laboratories authorized by the Ministry of Health of Costa Rica (see list at the end of this document). The labs also offer home service and, subject to prior coordination, at certain hotels. Only authorized laboratory technical personnel may collect the test samples.

How long will the lab take to deliver test results?

For PCR tests, authorized labs will take a maximum of 48 hours to deliver the results to the person concerned. The results of antigen tests will be delivered within a couple of hours after the sample has been analyzed.
What format do the labs use to deliver the test results?
Results will be sent to the email provided by the passenger, who may show the airline a print-out or electronic copy.

Who checks the negative test result before the passenger boards the airplane?
The airline is responsible for reviewing the documentation and deciding whether the passenger will be allowed to travel or not.
*LABORATORIES AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE TESTING FOR DETECTION OF THE SARS-COV-2 VIRUS.

*The list of approved laboratories is updated regularly.

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