

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

ORDER

No. COVID/NHM/Pb/20/6277

Dated, Chandigarh: 28.09.2020

The State Government, in exercise of the powers bestowed under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (COVID-19 Regulations 2020); directs that; for Rapid Antibody test no private laboratory should charge any amount more than **Rs. 250/-** for conducting Antibody test for COVID-19 with ELISA / CLIA method, inclusive of GST/Taxes, documentation and reporting in the State of Punjab.

Any additional cost for home collection of samples is to be fixed by individual Laboratory. The lab shall also print the following information on report of Rapid Antibody test:-

"Serologic test is NOT a diagnostic test for COVID-19 infection and results are not reliable for the presence of current or previous COVID-19 infection. Serologic test may show false-positive results with other corona viruses, such as those that cause common cold. Antibody test can yield a false negative result if the test is conducted too early, before antibodies develop. Some persons may not develop detectable antibodies even after corona virus infection. The presence of antibodies doesn't indicate an individual's immunity from COVID-19 infection or reinfection."


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