

# FAQ: ABOUT COVID-19 TESTING FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS





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**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.

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**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.



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### **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.

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### **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.



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**What format do the labs use to deliver the test results?**

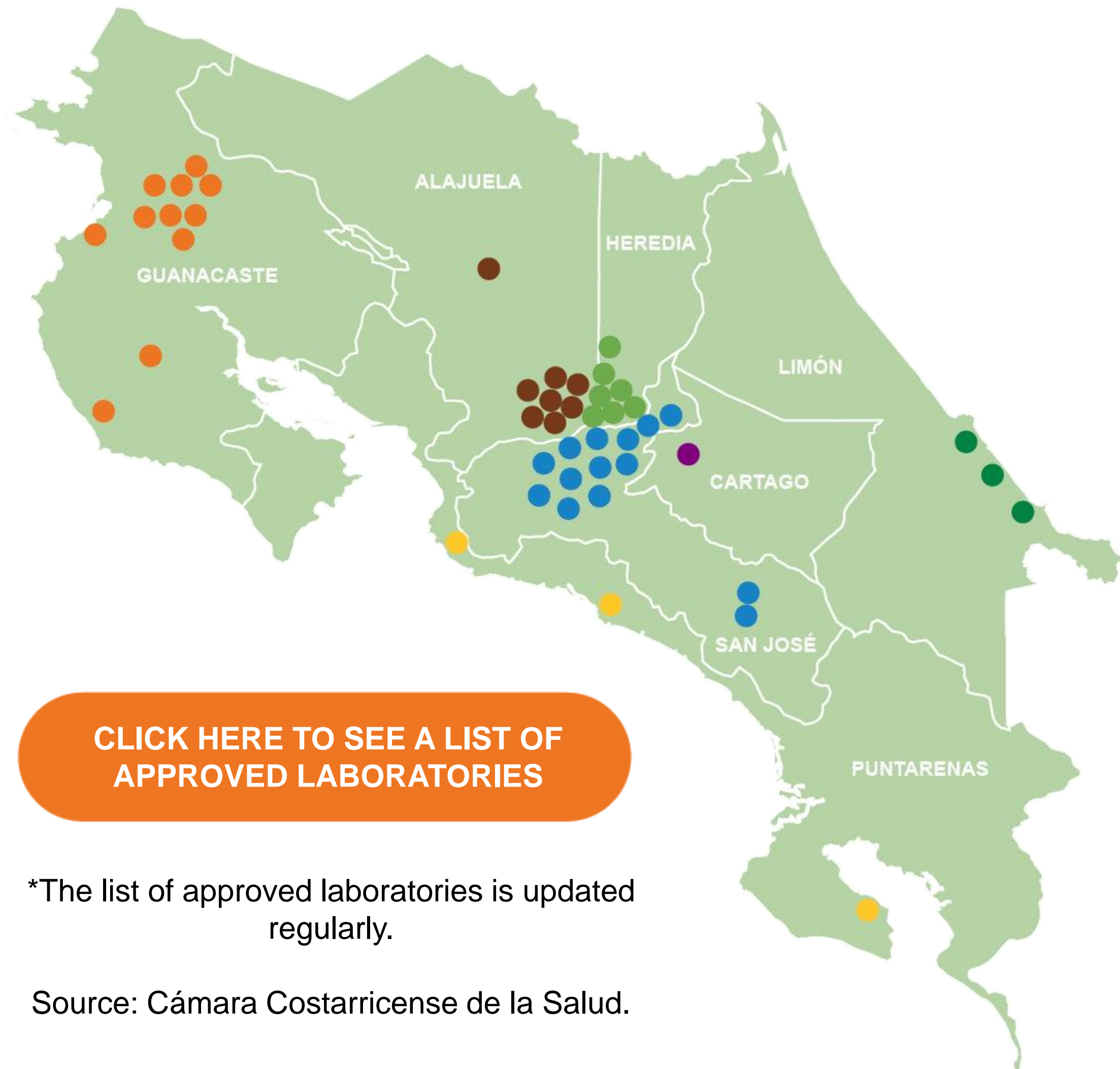
Results will be sent to the email provided by the passenger, who may show the airline a print-out or electronic copy.

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**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.**



**CLICK HERE TO SEE A LIST OF  
APPROVED LABORATORIES**

\*The list of approved laboratories is updated regularly.

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