

Allergy Testing & Treatment FAQs

How long does an allergy test take?

Your allergy test appointment will take approximately 30-60 minutes. Once the test has been administered it takes about 15 minutes for positive results to appear.

Who can be tested?

Children over the age of two can be tested in our allergy center. This is an especially helpful diagnostic tool for patients who suffer with allergic asthma, allergic bronchitis, allergic conjunctivitis, chronic cough, atopic dermatitis, insect allergy, allergic rhinitis, sinusitis, urticaria (hives) and angioedema (swelling that affects deeper layers of the skin).

Which allergens will I be tested for?

You will be tested for 48 allergens specific to our geographical location, both seasonal and perennial. We test for trees, grasses, weeds, animals and insects.

We do not test for food or stinging insect-related allergies.

Are the allergy test and treatment covered by insurance?

Yes, most insurance plans will cover allergy testing and treatment. Your insurance policies will be verified prior to testing.

How is an allergy test performed?

The gold standard of allergy testing, the Skin Pick Test, is non-invasive and not painful. The testing device gently abrades the skin's surface with the allergens being tested for, results develop in about 15 minutes. A positive test will appear as a raised, red bump on the skin, similar to a mosquito bite.

Is IT effective for children?

Yes, in addition to being 85% – 95% effective, allergen immunotherapy has been shown to prevent the development of allergic asthma.