

# Video: Researchers identify saliva as an accurate test for COVID-19

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Rapid and accurate testing for SARS-CoV-2 is essential for controlling the ongoing pandemic of COVID-19.

The current gold standard is a nasopharyngeal swab but researchers led Anne Wylie, Ph.D., at the Yale School of Public Health, in [collaboration](#) with Shelli Farhadian, MD, Ph.D., at Yale School of Medicine have identified [saliva](#) as a more reliable and accurate means of diagnostic testing. The potential impact of this sampling method could allow many more Americans to be tested for the coronavirus.

Provided by Yale University

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