

Clinical Value and Testing Strategies for COVID-19 Identification

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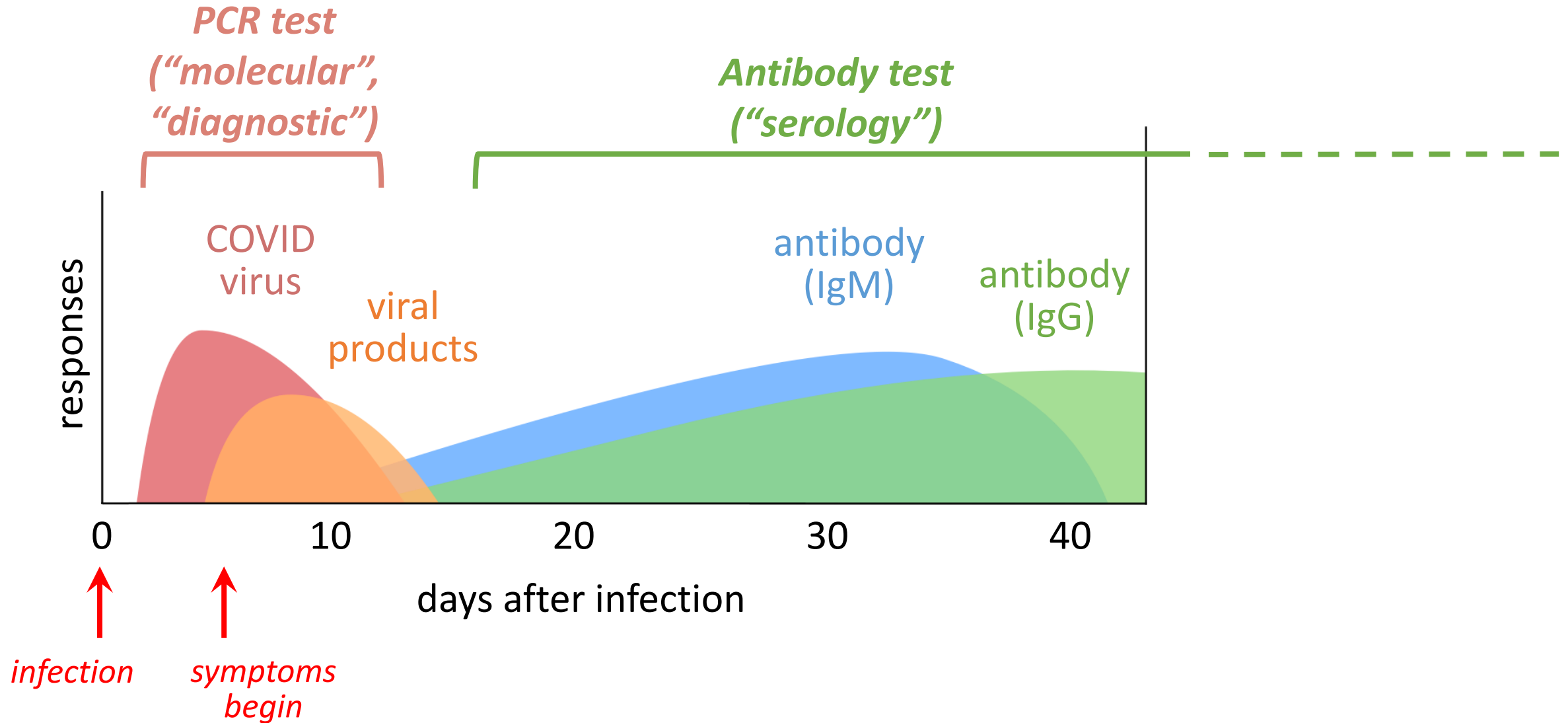
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COVID-19 Testing – OUTLINE

- The Two Tests
- Their Clinical Value
 - ✓ What a positive test means
 - ✓ Test FAQs
- Testing Strategies
- Other Issues to Discuss

The TWO Tests



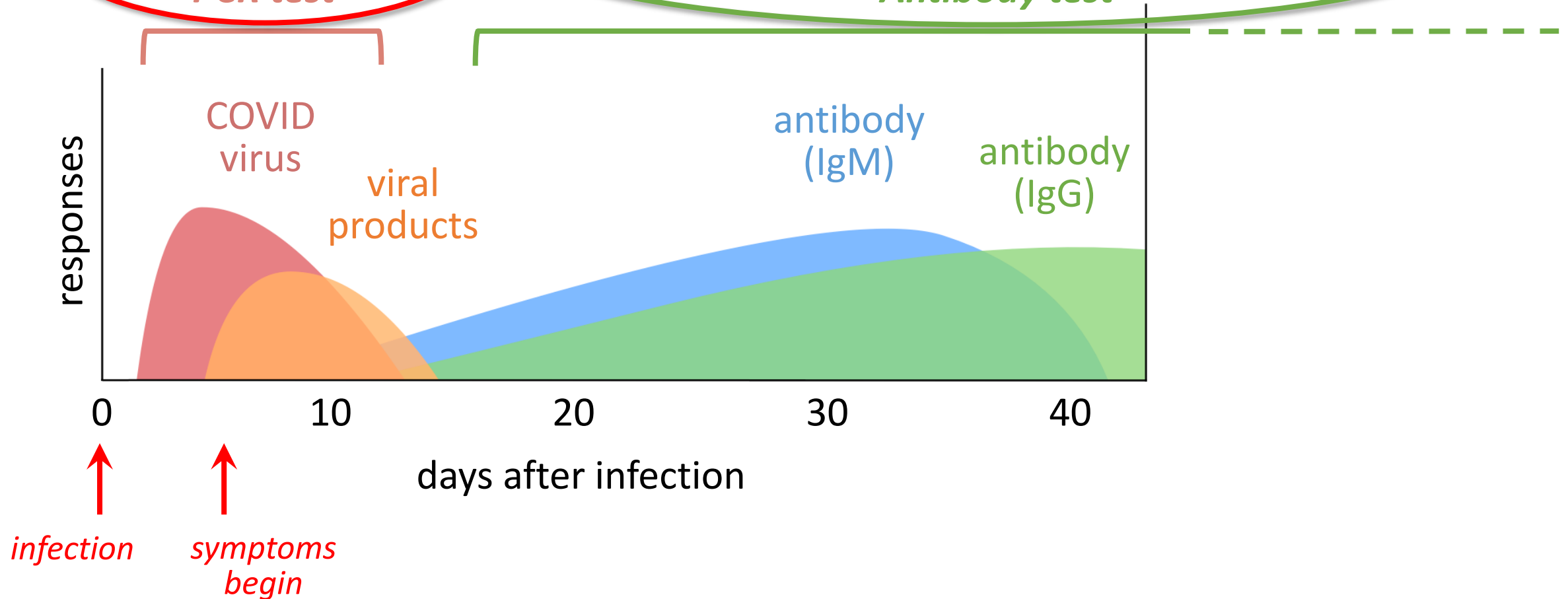
What a POSITIVE TEST means

CONTAGIOUS!

PCR test

Infected in the past → NOT CONTAGIOUS

Antibody test

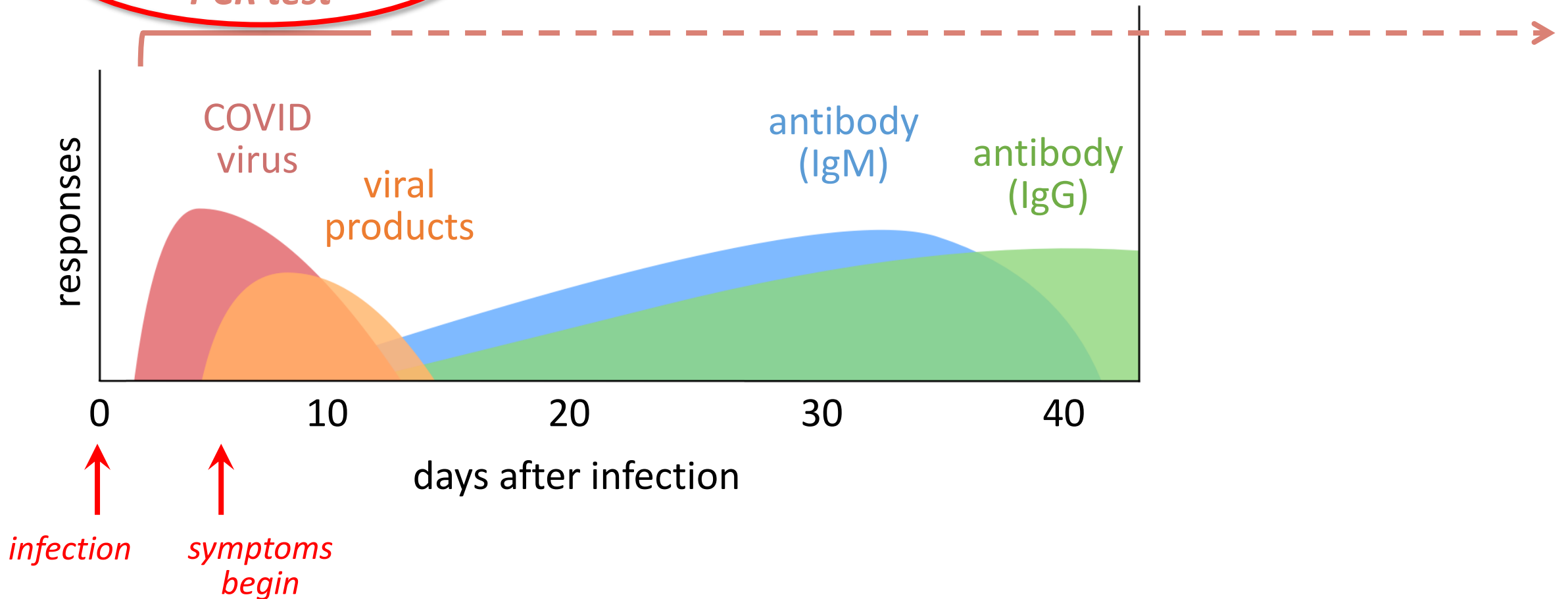


What a POSITIVE TEST means

CONTAGIOUS!

PCR test

Can be PCR-positive, BUT NOT CONTAGIOUS



PCR and Antibody Tests: FAQs

	PCR	Antibody
Specimen type?	Swab, saliva	blood
Contagious?	YES	NO
Need to isolate?	YES	NO
Might need hospital?	YES	NO
Contact tracing?	YES	NO

PCR and Antibody Tests: FAQs

	PCR	Antibody
COVID in the past?	NO	YES
Plasma donor?	NO	YES
Insight into prevalence?	NO	YES
Immune from COVID?	NO	<i>Probably</i>
Herd immunity (Did the vaccine work)?	NO	??

PCR Testing Strategies - DEFINITIONS

Strategy	Patient	Test type
Diagnostic	<i>symptomatic</i>	clinical
Screening	asymptomatic	clinical
Surveillance	asymptomatic	<i>research</i>

COVID-19 Testing – OTHER TOPICS

- ✓ Test Accuracy
- ✓ Shortages and Other Challenges
- ✓ Asymptomatic vs. Presymptomatic
- ✓ Tradeoffs of asymptomatic testing
- ✓ Pandemic allowances
- ✓ Other testing technologies
- ✓ Testing at UCI
- ✓ As offered