

Rapid Antigen Testing for COVID-19 Post-Test Instructions

The COVID-19 antigen test works by collecting a sample from both nares and checking it for detection of proteins from SARS-CoV-2. Antigen tests look for pieces of proteins that make up the SARS-CoV-2 virus to determine if the person has an active infection. This is a “rapid” screening tool we are offering to you.

THIS TEST MAY NOT BE USED AS THE ONLY TEST TO SEE IF YOU HAVE AN ACTIVE INFECTION WITH COVID-19:

If you are in the early stages of infection or test too closely
to the date of your exposure to COVID-19,

YOUR TEST MIGHT BE NEGATIVE AND YOU COULD STILL BE INFECTED.

If this antigen test is negative, a nose and throat swab test may be done to confirm COVID-19 infection.

• If this antigen test is positive or the follow up nose and throat swab are positive (PCR) you should:

- Self-quarantine at home (away from all others) for at least 14 days or if/until you have a negative result from a nose/throat swab test.
- You are not allowed to go to ANY public places including: work, church, grocery stores, gas stations, any drive-thrus, or any other locations where you will be exposed to other people.
- If you develop a fever, cough, shortness of breath or other symptoms OR any of your symptoms get worse, contact your healthcare provider immediately for further instructions.
- If this antibody test is negative, but in the future you start to have symptoms of COVID-19, you should be tested again. These symptoms include: fever, cough, runny nose, body aches, sore throat, and loss of sense of smell or taste.

Be aware that not all marketed COVID-19 antigen tests have been tested by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/patients.html>

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