At-Home COVID-19 Antigen Test
Fact Sheet

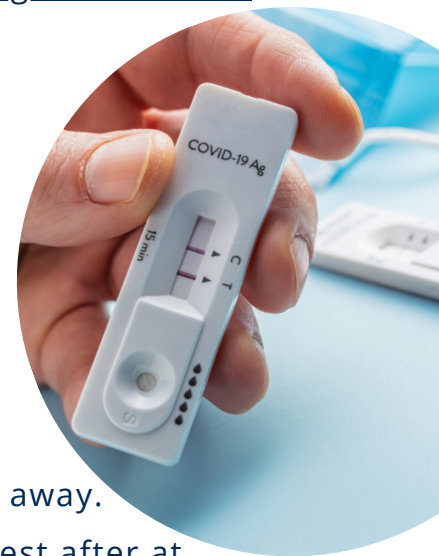## What are At-Home COVID-19 Antigen Tests?

- At-home antigen tests can determine if you have COVID-19 without going to a testing site.
- These tests work by detecting pieces of proteins from the COVID-19 virus.

Where Can I Get At-Home Antigen Test Kits?

- Households can **order** 1 set of 4 free tests online at www.COVIDtests.gov or by calling (800) 232-0233.
- They are also available through some pharmacies, retail stores, and online vendors.
- **Insurance companies** will cover the cost of 8 free tests per month (Medicare not included).
- For a list of approved at-home tests, visit www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/covid-19TestingToolkit/molecular-based-tests/current-molecular-and-antigen-tests.html.

Why Use At-Home Antigen Tests?

- Testing is very important to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Antigen at-home tests are good at detecting when people are contagious with COVID-19.
- These tests produce quick results (within 15-30 minutes).
- They can be taken anywhere and are easy to use.

When Should At-Home Antigen Tests be Used?

- If you have COVID-19 **symptoms**, such as fever or cough, test right away.
- If you were **exposed** (a close contact) to someone with COVID-19, test after at least 5 days. Test again in 1 or 2 days if your first test is negative.
- If you plan to attend an **indoor gathering**, test right before. This is especially important if you will be around people at risk of severe illness, such as older adults and those who are immune compromised.
- If you tested positive, test again on day 5 or later to see if you can end isolation.

What Should I Do if I Test Positive?

- Positive results should be trusted as correct. There is **no need** to retest at a clinic.
- Stay **home** and isolate.
- Tell your close contacts that they may have been exposed.

Scan QR code for isolation guidance

Note: You can report your test results to the health department at: www.my.primary.health/l/cdphcbootc.

For more information visit: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html.

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