COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the cost of the test?**
    a. The test is $120

2. **What type of COVID-19 test is provided?**
    a. This is an antigen test performed via **immunoassay (NOT A PCR)**. The provided tests are the Veritor System for SARS-CoV-2, manufactured by BD.
    b. Negative results are presumptive. False negative test results may occur if the level of viral antigen in a sample is below the detection limit or if the sample was collected improperly. We will guide you through the swabbing process to ensure a proper sample.
    c. Positive results indicate the presence of viral antigen. They do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses.
    d. BD recommends that these results be confirmed by a molecular testing method if necessary, for patient management.
    e. Per BD, the amount of antigen in a sample may decrease as the duration of illness increases. Specimens collected after day 5 of illness are more likely to be negative compared to a RT-PCR assay
    f. The performance of this test has not been evaluated for use in patients without signs and symptoms of respiratory infection and performance may differ in asymptomatic individuals.
    g. For more information about the BD Veritor System, please visit the FDA website about this device (https://www.fda.gov/media/139755/download)

3. **Can I use this test for travel/work/school?**
    a. It depends on the guidelines of the organization and final destination. Please be sure to look up what test is required. We do not hold any responsibility if you use this test and it is not accepted. Please ask any of our staff if you have any clarifying questions and we'd be happy to help in more detail.

4. **How can I request a COVID-19 test?**
    a. Go to our website and fill out the form provided. We will call you to confirm your appointment time and if there are any scheduling conflicts. The form works best on a computer, but you can also use your phone. You may also call us if you have any questions: 858-925-6149

5. **What do I need to bring to my scheduled appointment?**
    a. Please have the form filled out prior to arrival and bring a form of payment.
    b. When you arrive to the pharmacy please call us from your vehicle and we will complete everything from your vehicle.

6. **Are there age limits for getting the test?**
    a. The current guidelines do not have age restrictions for who can be tested. For minors, a parent or guardian must complete the form online and must accompany the minor to the appointment.

7. **How is the test sample collected?**
    a. You will need to perform a nasal self-swab collection. We will provide you with instructions before beginning to test. We will be available to answer any questions before, during, and after testing.

8. **How long does it take for my results to come back?**
    a. You will get your results back within 30 minutes via phone or email. You are more than welcome to stay for your results.

9. **Who communicates with me regarding my results?**
    a. We will be responsible for communicating test results to you. You can either wait for the results and get a physical copy of your report OR you may leave and we will call you with your result and email you the report. Depending on your result, we will provide you with more information on how to proceed.

10. **How will test results be shared with public health officials?**
    a. We securely submit test results each night to the County of San Diego.