

AQ Community Staff COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Self- Tests (at home testing)

Test frequency:

- **All staff are to test twice weekly. This includes all office, administrative and managerial staff.**

All Community in home workers:

- **Tests are to be conducted at home before commencement of your shift.**
- **Please take a photo of your test result and send to your manager.**

Centre Based Centre Workers:

- **Tests are to be conducted at the commencement of your shift in the respite centre and before you have contact with clients**
- **Both Home Care Manager & Community Services Managers are to complete a line list of all completed RATs and send to the Quality Team on each day that tests are conducted.**

If you have tested positive for COVID in the last 28 days you do not have to test unless you have symptoms.

Once you are 28 days post your COVID infection you must commence testing twice weekly.

If you have no symptoms and test negative you may proceed with your shift.

If you have symptoms and test negative on a RAT you must get a PCR test, you cannot work until the PCR result is received and it is negative.

If you test positive to a RAT you cannot work and you must isolate for 7 days.

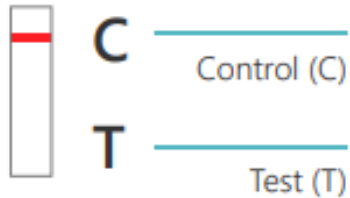
1. Home use tests for COVID-19 test a nasal swab sample
2. A home use test can be used by people in the house, workplace or elsewhere without an involvement of a health practitioner.
3. At home tests will be provided to you for use with your employment.
4. All tests are for single use only which means you can only use each test ONCE and then it must be thrown away.

Performing the Rapid Antigen Test at home:

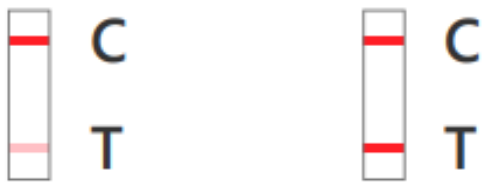
1. Read the manufacturer's instructions and follow the steps in the instructions provided with the test you use.
2. Dispose the used test as per the information provided with the test instructions.
3. If no instructions given, place the used kit into a plastic bag, seal it and dispose of in the household rubbish.
4. Wash your hands after completing the test and disposing of the test kit contents.

5. Most home use test kit results will be shown in a window and the instructions provided with the test will explain what the results means.

Examples:



Negative Result



A second line even if faint is a positive result

6. If you received a positive test result, immediately isolate, and report the test result to the manager at your workplace.
7. If you receive a test that has no control line showing the test is not valid and must be repeated.
8. The manager will complete the usual check of relevant infectious period and complete a risk assessment for all staff and clients who may have been affected which will be forwarded to the quality team.
9. You must report the positive result to the Qld Health by completing the Rapid Antigen Test Registration Form.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/rat-positive/rapid-antigen-test-registration>