



What you need to know about At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits

- At-home antigen COVID-19 tests are a useful tool in our community's testing toolkit while virus activity and COVID-19 testing demand is high.
- **At-home tests are not as sensitive as the PCR test you get from a testing site.** For best results, use at-home test kits while you're experiencing symptoms.
- **COVID-19 symptoms include:** fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
- **You may need a second laboratory-based test**, such as a PCR test, to confirm your result. Use the decision tree below to see when to isolate while waiting for a confirming PCR test result. You can call us at (360) 778-6075 for help getting a same-day or next-day PCR testing appointment if you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or are having symptoms.
- **These instructions only apply to people using over-the-counter antigen tests in a home setting.** For more information about antigen COVID-19 tests and other local testing options, go to [WhatcomCounty.US/COVID](https://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid).

What to Do After Taking an Over-the-Counter Antigen Test for COVID-19

