



Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) resources for multicultural communities

Access translated resources on RATs from the Department of Health website

The Department of Health has developed downloadable, translated resources and information about rapid antigen tests (RAT) in Australia.

This email contains translated resources on:

- general information about rapid antigen tests
- where to get rapid antigen tests
- how to use rapid antigen tests correctly
- understanding rapid antigen test results
- what to do if a rapid antigen test is positive.



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General information about rapid antigen tests

This fact sheet provides information about rapid antigen tests.

- Fact sheet - [rapid antigen tests](#)

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Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)

What is a rapid antigen test?
A rapid antigen test, commonly referred to as a RAT, is a type of test you can take yourself to check if you have COVID-19. You can do the test yourself at home without assistance from a doctor or other health care professional.

Where can I get a rapid antigen test?
You can buy a rapid antigen test online, from pharmacies, or retailers including major supermarkets and some petrol stations. If you have a government-issued concession card, you can get up to 10 free rapid antigen tests from participating pharmacies until 30 April 2022. You can find out more information at: www.health.gov.au/resources/translated/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-for-covid-19-other-languages

When should I take a rapid antigen test?
You should take a rapid antigen test if:

- you have potential COVID-19 symptoms but can't access a walk-in or drive-through testing clinic
- you want to quickly check if you're likely to have COVID-19 – for example if you're about to visit an aged-care facility

What do I do once I get my result?
If you get a positive result, you should stay at home and isolate from others in your household. Check with your local state or territory health department to find out:

- whether you need to report your result, and
- your local quarantine requirements.

Follow your local health advice to register as a COVID-19 positive case.

If you get a negative result, you should continue to follow all public health advice on slowing the spread of the virus.

If you get an 'invalid' result, the test has not worked correctly. You should throw it away and do another test.

Can rapid antigen tests be used on children?
Yes. Tests on children should always be supervised by an adult. See the instructions provided with the test for any safety instructions for using the test on a child.

More information
For information about using rapid antigen tests and what to do if you test positive, follow your local state or territory advice. You can also call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080. For interpreting services, call 131 450.

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Find out where to get rapid antigen tests and who is eligible for free rapid antigen tests, by clicking on the following resource links.

- Social tile - [where can I get a rapid antigen test?](#)
- Poster - [getting free rapid antigen tests](#)

How to use rapid antigen test correctly

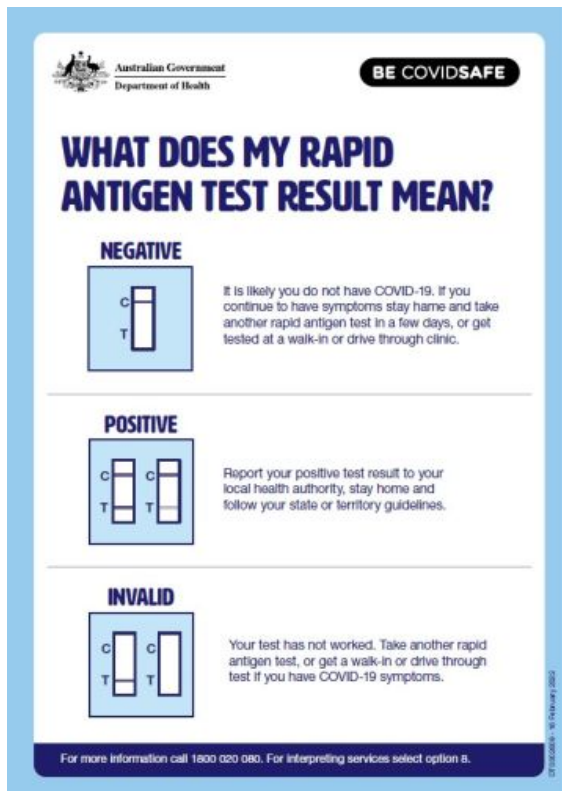
The following resources provide information about how to use rapid antigen tests correctly in the form of posters, videos and fact sheets.

- Poster - [how to do a nasal rapid antigen test](#)



- Video - [how to do a nasal rapid antigen test](#)
- Fact sheet - [how to do a lollipop rapid antigen test](#)
- Social tile - [how to use a nasal swab rapid antigen test](#)
- Fact sheet - [how to do a saliva rapid antigen test](#)
- Social tile - [how to do a saliva rapid antigen test](#)

Understanding rapid antigen test results



This poster explains what each rapid antigen test result means, and what to do if someone receives a positive, negative, or invalid result

- Poster - [understanding rapid test antigen test results](#)

What to do if a rapid antigen test is positive

This social animation explains what to



do if someone tests positive for COVID-19 after using a rapid antigen test.

- Social animation - [my rapid antigen test is positive. What should I do?](#)

What you can do next



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