COVID-19 Antigen Testing: Community Guidance

Antigen tests are a type of viral COVID-19 test that provide rapid results. Many self-tests, but not all, are antigen tests. You can use an antigen test regardless of vaccination status or if you have symptoms. Molecular tests, such as a PCR test, may provide more accurate results. Use the chart below to determine your next steps after taking an antigen test. Remember, if you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are not up-to-date with your COVID-19 vaccines, quarantine for at least 5 days after exposure. Learn more about staying up to date, www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-after.htm.

I do NOT have symptoms of COVID-19

- Negative Antigen Test Result
  - Close Contact?
    - Yes
      - Up to date on vaccines?
        - Yes
          - You likely do not have COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.
        - No
          - Quarantine for at least 5 days after last being exposed to COVID-19. Continue to wear a well-fitting mask through day 10.
    - No
      - You likely do not have COVID-19, but should stay home until you feel better.
  - No

I have symptoms of COVID-19.

- Positive Antigen Test Result
  - Confirmatory Molecular or Antigen Test
    - Positive
      - Quarantine for at least 5 full days since the date your symptoms started or your test date. Wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days.
    - Negative
      - Close Contact?
        - Yes
          - Up to date on vaccines?
            - Yes
              - Quarantine for at least 5 days after last being exposed to COVID-19. Continue to wear a well-fitting mask through day 10.
            - No
              - You likely do not have COVID-19, but should stay home until you feel better.
        - No
          - Negative Antigen
            - You likely do not have COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.
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