

# COVID-19 ANTIGEN RAPID TEST FAQ'S

The *Onsite* COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test is an easy to use and cost effective way of screen staff with no symptoms that can be performed at any workplace.

## What is the *Onsite* antigen rapid test and how do they differ from other tests?

*Onsite* antigen rapid tests make it easy to test for COVID-19, with results in 15 mins. The test is a simple nasal swab and does not need a laboratory to process. The test detects proteins on the wall of the virus. Other tests detect genetic material of the virus or immune response to the presence of the virus.

Rapid antigen tests detect surface proteins of COVID-19



## Why should I get tested?

If everyone in the workplace could be tested frequently and stayed home when they were contagious, we might be able to consistently reopen schools and work and avoid lockdowns as cases would spend less time in the community.

## Why is it good to test frequently?

A person can go from not being infectious to being very infectious in about 2 days and still have no symptoms. The concern is people who have no symptoms don't usually get tested. If you test more frequently as part of your workplaces screening strategy, you are much likelier to detect that you are infectious.

## Do rapid antigen tests detect the new variants of COVID-19?

The evidence suggests that the rapid antigen tests work just as well on the new variants.

## How accurate is the *Onsite* Antigen Rapid Test?

The *Onsite* test is very accurate in detecting COVID-19. If a person has high levels of virus at the time of the test, the test will be positive.

## How often do I need to do a *Onsite*

### How long does it take to do?

The test takes about 20 minutes in total, usually only a few minutes to collect the specimen and then 15 minutes to read the result.

### What type of swab is it?

A simple nasal swab, inserted only 3cm in each nostril and rotated 2-3 times



Test is completed by a health professional or staff can self-collect under the supervision of a health professional

## What happens if I test positive to a rapid test?

You will need to return home and ensure that you get a confirmatory PCR test for COVID-19. The PCR test is required to confirm a positive result. Always follow Public Health advice in your State or Territory.

## Do I still need to wear a mask and social distance if I test negative?

Yes, the *Onsite* antigen rapid test forms part of your workplaces COVID-19 Safe plan and supports all the other layers of defence against COVID-19. Masks, social distancing where possible and regular hand hygiene work together to keep your workplace COVID-19 free.

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