

Information about coronavirus antigen self-tests

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You have obtained a coronavirus antigen self-test from our pharmacy. We ask you to follow the important instructions listed below. **This self-test is no substitute for the hygiene and social distancing rules, nor for any precautionary measures that are in place.**

What should be considered when obtaining and using antigen self-tests?

Compared to the PCR tests, the antigen self-tests have a significantly lower detection rate and therefore a lower validity - especially in persons without symptoms.

When is a self-test useful?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For persons with no symptoms and no contact to Covid 19 cases, who wish to do a test at home.
When is it not appropriate to do a self-test?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No self-test for persons with symptoms of illness. These persons should perform a PCR test or a rapid antigen test at a hospital, doctor's office, testing center, or pharmacy. No self-tests before visiting vulnerable individuals and health care facilities. No self-tests for repetitive testing in schools, companies and institutions
Where can self-tests be obtained?	In Switzerland, self-tests are only available in pharmacies and only on presentation of the health insurance card.
Who pays for the self-tests?	The federal government pays for the costs, not the health insurance companies. Therefore, you don't have to pay a deductible or excess.
How many self-tests can be obtained in the pharmacy?	The federal government covers the costs of a maximum of 5 self-tests per person within 30 days . No advance withdrawals (e.g. for vacations) are possible, nor is a retrospective withdrawal possible if less than 5 tests have been obtained in the previous 30 days.
Can I purchase more than 5 self-tests at my own expense?	No, in a first phase only 5 self-tests per 30 days per person are available.
Can I pick up self-tests at the pharmacy for other people (e.g., family members)?	If you are in possession of their health insurance card, this is possible. However, the invoicing is made on each individual insured person.
How do I use the self-test correctly?	The correct application is described in the product leaflet. With the QR code on the right you can watch an instruction video. 
My test result is positive What do I have to do?	<p>➔ The result must be confirmed immediately with a PCR test. This confirmation PCR test is always free of charge</p> <p>Please get tested immediately. QR code: Where can I get tested?</p> <p>➔ Please go into self-isolation until you receive the PCR confirmation result. </p>
My test result is negative What do I have to do?	<p>➔ Continue to follow the hygiene, social distancing and behavior rules of the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH).</p> <p>➔ Your test result is only valid on the day of testing. If you have symptoms, get tested at a hospital, doctor's office, test center or pharmacy. Find out more on the Corona information website of your canton.</p>

If you have any questions or uncertainties, your pharmacy is there for you.

