Rapid Testing Kit

Alberta Health will be providing the school with free rapid tests. **These tests are not a replacement for AHS testing.** Close contacts of the case will receive another letter with further recommendations. These at-home tests should be used the day you receive them and continue to be used every second day for a minimum of 14 days after the last date of exposure. If your child tests positive on a rapid test they must isolate immediately and should seek testing through AHS.

Information for Rapid Testing Kit

What is contained in my test kit?

- The test kit you obtained contains five BTNX COVID-19 Rapid Tests and a Procedure Card.
- You will receive two boxes of tests for a total of 10 tests.

Who can use rapid tests?

- Individuals aged 14 and older can collect their own samples.
- Children aged 2-13 when an adult collects the sample.

When do I use the tests?

- As long as you continue to have no symptoms, you will perform the rapid test on the day you receive the test and every second day after.

How do I use the test?

- To use the test, follow the instructions for Option B: Nasal Swab, on the BTNX Procedure Card in this kit (do not follow instructions for Option A: Nasopharyngeal Swab).
- A video on how to perform a BTNX COVID-19 Rapid Test on your child is available here.
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What do I do if I have a positive result?

- On your test device, if your result shows two lines: one at the 'C' and another at the 'T' mark, it is presumed to be positive.
- If you have a positive test result, it is likely that you have COVID-19. You:
  - must immediately isolate for 10 days or until you have a negative PCR test; and
  - should book a confirmatory PCR test at an AHS assessment centre alberta.ca/GetTested.
- You should not continue performing rapid tests.

What do I do if I have a negative result?

- On your test device, if your result shows one line at the 'C' and no line at the 'T' mark, it is presumed to be negative.
- A negative result does not rule out infection. This means that you could still have COVID-19 even though the test is negative.

  While you are not required to isolate, you must continue to follow all public health guidelines.

What if I have an invalid test?

- If your test result does not match either the NEGATIVE or POSITIVE examples in your Procedure Card, the test may not have worked. Re-test until you receive either a positive or negative result.

What do I do if my child develops symptoms?

- If your child develops COVID-related symptoms, isolate and call 811 or visit alberta.ca/GetTested to book a PCR test at an AHS Assessment Centre.

What do I do if I have questions about the Rapid Test Kit?

- Contact AH-Operations@gov.ab.ca