

Behavioral Health Residential Program and Adult Foster Home Point-of-Care COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits Procurement and Use

Point-of-care (POC) COVID-19 antigen test kits provide rapid results. **They are most accurate when used for symptomatic individuals and those with a known exposure to COVID-19.** False positive results from POC antigen tests are unlikely. However, false negative results are common, particularly if testing an asymptomatic individual. Given the risk of a false negative result, continued universal use of layered infection mitigation practices, including vaccination with booster dose, face mask, eye protection during clinical care, hand hygiene, physical distancing as possible, and good air flow, remain essential regardless of the test result.

See [CDC's Guidance for Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2](#) for additional information about antigen tests. Please note, OHA does **not** recommend that positive antigen tests be confirmed with a [NAAT](#) or PCR test. **Individuals who test positive from a POC antigen test are considered COVID positive cases and must isolate.**

Information on the use of POC COVID-19 Antigen Tests

Program administered tests

- Require:
 - a [CLIA](#) certificate of waiver; and
 - that providers administer the tests.
- Providers should implement appropriate infection control including the use of [recommended personal protective equipment](#).
- Positive test result indicates a COVID positive confirmed case.
- Programs must report COVID positive POC test results to OHA via the [OHA COVID Reporting Portal](#). Once submitted, OHA routes COVID test result data to the local health department.
 - More information on how to report test results to OHA can be found at <https://healthoregon.org/howtoreport>. Other reporting options may be available. Please visit <https://healthoregon.org/elr> or contact ELR.Project@dhsoha.state.or.us for details about other methods of reporting and additional questions.
- State supplied Abbott BinaxNow test kits are program administered tests
 - OHA does **not** recommend using the NAVICA app associated with the BinaxNOW POC antigen test.
 - See [COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for State-supplied BinaxNOW Point-of-care Antigen Testing for additional information about requirements for use and training](#).

Self-tests

- Self-test kits are self-administered by individuals.
- They do **not** require a CLIA certificate of waiver.
 - See [CMS FAQ on use of over the counter home tests](#).
- Positive test result indicates a presumptive case.
- Programs are not required to report test result.
- If a self-test is administered by program staff, it is considered a program administered test, and a CLIA certificate of waiver and result reporting are required.

Procurement of Point-of-Care COVID-19 test kits for clients and staff

Program administered tests

- Requires CLIA certification.
 - For application and information on applying for a CLIA certificate of waiver: [OHA Clinical Laboratory Regulation](#)
 - » Email: LC.info@dhsoha.state.or.us; Phone: 503-693-4125; TTY: 711
 - See [COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for State-supplied BinaxNOW Point-of-care Antigen Testing](#) for information about the process for submitting a CLIA application.
 - [CDC Site](#) for Certificate of Waiver Labs
 - Authorized Provider [ordering and reporting test information](#)
- To order, please fill out this [form](#) and OHA will contact you.

Self-tests

- Purchase test kits through marketplace vendors (i.e., grocery, bulk stores, online vendors)
- The Local Public Health Authority may be able to provide self-test kits in certain circumstances. Contact your Local Public Health Authority to request self-test kits when there is a delay in test kit delivery from a marketplace vendor that will impact the ability to operate safely.
- [Local Public Health Authority Contact Information Website](#).
- Be prepared to provide LPHAs information about the program's testing protocols and what attempts have been made to acquire test kits.
- Allow 48 hours for response from the LPHA.

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