

COVID-19 RAPID TESTING GUIDELINES

[PCR testing](#) is only available to people at high-risk of severe outcomes or those who work and live in high-risk setting. Please follow the rapid testing guidelines below.

Positive rapid test

With symptoms

Isolate immediately for 5 days (fully vaccinated)/10 days (not fully vaccinated) or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.

Do not continue rapid testing.

For fully vaccinated, wear a mask at all times when around others outside of the home for 5 days after isolation.

Notify all close contacts from the previous 48 hours that they should monitor for symptoms and be cautious about going to any high risk settings.

No symptoms

Isolate immediately.

Take a second rapid test in 24 hours:

- If negative, isolation can end unless you develop symptoms.
- If positive:
 - o Continue isolating for a total of 5 days (fully vaccinated)/10 days (not fully vaccinated) or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.
 - o For fully vaccinated, wear a mask at all times when around others outside of the home for 5 days after isolation.
 - o If second test is positive, notify all close contacts from the previous 48 hours that they should monitor for symptoms and be cautious about going to any high risk settings.

Negative rapid test

With symptoms

Isolate for 24 hours.

Take a second rapid test in 24 hours:

- If negative, cautiously resume normal activities and continue to follow public health measures.
- If positive, isolate for 5 days (fully vaccinated)/10 days (not fully vaccinated) or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.
- For fully vaccinated, wear a mask at all times when around others outside of the home for 5 days after isolation.

No symptoms

A negative result does not rule out infection.

Isolation is not required but continue following all public health guidelines.

Albertans with mild illness and no risk factors don't need a rapid test or PCR test and can manage at home. Use the COVID-19 assessment tool to determine what type of care you need based on your symptoms and how to manage mild symptoms at home: ahs.ca/covidscreen

Find out the eligibility for PCR testing: alberta.ca/GetTested