

COVID 19 Self Administered Tests

FAQ's

Q: If I test negative do I get proof of that result?

A: The test result is not recorded anywhere; this test is designed as a self-screening option.

Q: Is this test good for use before air travel?

A: No, air travel requires a molecular PCR test, this is a rapid antigen test.

Q: Who provides the type of test needed for air travel?

A: Curative testing locations, it takes 48 hours to get results so plan ahead.

Q: Is this test a mouth swab or nose swab?

A: Nose swab inserted only in the nares (opening of the nose)

Q: How does the test work?

A: It is a rapid test, results in 15 minutes, and detects proteins present in the nasal opening that are present on the surface of the COVID-19 virus.

Q: There are 2 tests in the kit, do I take them both?

A: Your viral load (what is detected for COVID-19 virus) can vary after you have been exposed. If your first test is negative; take the second test about 36 hours later.

Q: When should I test?

A: Per the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), if you are exposed to COVID-19 by close contact, test 3-5 days after that exposure. If you are doing routine screening tests, weekly testing is recommended.

Q: What do I do if my test is positive?

A: You need to self report to the university reporting portal, there is a sticker with a QR code on your test kit that will link you directly to the reporting site.

Q: Do I need to see a doctor if I test positive?

A: If you are concerned about your symptoms or have questions yes, you also need to isolate for 10 days.

Q: How do I get a note for class if I test positive?

A: By reporting to the SHSU self reporting portal.

Q: Can I pick a test up for a friend or family member?

A: If they are also student, faculty, or staff at SHSU, yes. You will need to provide their SAM ID as well.

Q: I do not think I did the test right the first time, what should I do?

A: If you are concerned that your result is not accurate, go ahead and take the second test.