

# COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Public Health Factsheet

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## COVID-19 Asymptomatic Rapid Testing for Eligible Workforces

- Rapid testing helps identify COVID-19 early.
- Finding cases early helps limit the spread in the workplace and community.
- Remember you can still spread COVID-19 even if you have no symptoms.

### 1. Why should I get a rapid test if I have no symptoms?

COVID-19 can still spread even if you have no symptoms. Rapid testing helps identify cases early, so we can help limit the spread in the workplace and community.

### 2. What kind of test is this?

You are being offered an antigen-based rapid test. To run the test, your nose will be swabbed to collect a specimen for testing. Your results will be ready in about 20 minutes.

### 3. What happens if I get a positive result?

We expect most results will come back negative and you will be able to continue with your day as normal. If you receive a positive test result, you will be required to return to the testing site for a confirmatory test. You will be required to isolate and follow the advice of public health.

You may return to normal activities only if you:

- receive a negative result after your confirmatory test, OR
- the appropriate self-isolation period has passed

For information on current isolation requirements see:

[www.manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html](https://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html)

### 4. What if I've already had COVID-19?

If it was confirmed you had COVID-19 within the last three months, you won't be able to participate in asymptomatic rapid testing until three months from the date of confirmation has passed. This helps limit the small possibility of a false positive.

### 5. What if I've had the vaccine?

If you have had the vaccine you should still get a rapid test if offered. This is because you can still spread COVID-19 to others.