

How to do a **nasal rapid antigen test (RAT)**

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COVID
safe

There are different types of RAT kits available.
Be sure to follow the instructions provided within the test kit.

Here are some general guidelines to follow:

1. Carefully read the instructions that came with your test before you start.
Some test instructions have a QR code that you can scan to watch a video.



2. Wash your hands.



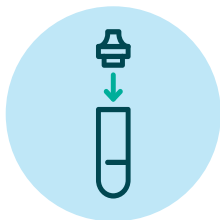
3. Open packaging.



4. Wipe the swab around the inside wall of the nose 2cm deep in a circular motion. Five times or 15 seconds in each nostril.



5. Put swab in solution tube. Mix well. You may need to squeeze the swab or break the stick off as well - read your test instructions.



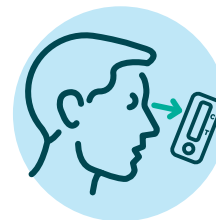
6. Put cap on tube.



7. Put drops in sample window of test. Your test kit instructions will tell you how many drops. Do not move or lift the test kit.



8. Start a timer. Wait for exact time in test kit instructions. Wash your hands.



9. Read result (see right).

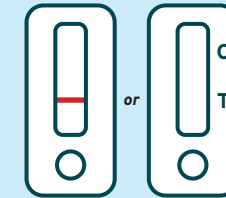
Reading your result



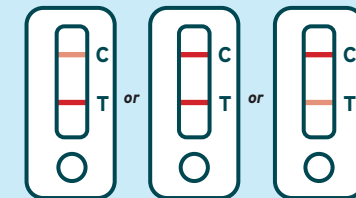
'C' Control (a line here shows that the test works)
'T' Test (no line here = negative, a line here = positive)



NEGATIVE
It is unlikely you have COVID.



INVALID
Take another test (and repeat steps 2-9).
Having difficulty? Get a PCR test.



POSITIVE
You have COVID. If the test result line at 'T' shows a line, even faint, this is a positive result.

Register your positive result.
Visit health.tas.gov.au/covid19/positive-result
or call the **Public Health Hotline**
1800 671 738.