
Outreach Provider COVID-19 Personal Use Test Kit Use & Expectations

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless (ACHCH) is distributing COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Kits to your agency to support your field-based outreach.

What Are Personal Use (Rapid Antigen) Tests?:

- Rapid Antigen tests are COVID-19 tests kits for personal use. They do not require any assistance from a health professional.
- COVID-19 screening testing with the use of personal tests provide an opportunity to catch infections quickly and reduce the risk of infecting other people.
- The tests are designed to be used frequently to screen for COVID-19, whether or not a person has symptoms, whenever a person feels they may be at risk of infection.

Distribution Guidance in Outreach Settings:

Personal tests should be provided to individuals in the following circumstances. We also urge people to use their best judgement, as there are likely other times you may want to provide tests.

- If your agency/program doesn't already make rapid tests available to staff or volunteers, be sure to appropriate tests for this purpose, ACHCH recommends weekly self-testing for client-facing staff.
- People with recent exposure to someone with COVID-19
- People isolating-in-place in encampments, motel or private settings who think they may have COVID-19.

Referrals for Positive Tests:

- Providers must have the ability to stay in contact with individuals to whom they give testing kits.
- Providers must have the ability to refer positive or symptomatic people to Alameda County Isolation and Quarantine (I&Q). [Referral link](#). More [information](#) and send questions to COVIDHOUSING@acgov.org.
- **Treatment:** Please review and be aware of [COVID Treatment resources](#). All persons referred to I&Q hotels will be screened and COVID anti-viral treatment made available to them.

Notes:

- If your agency also has shelter sites, we are providing separate distribution and guidance.
- Your agency should look for other sources of rapid test kits, notably the [State of California COVID Testing Task Force](#).
- **Expiration Dates:** Please make sure you use the rapid tests with the closest expiration date, but know that expiration dates are being EXTENDED for most test kits distributed. Review the [FDA Test Kit Expiration webpage](#) to find out the new expiration date for your kits.

If you have questions about the use of these rapid tests, please reach out to ACHCH at achch@acgov.org