

HOW TO USE AN ANTIGEN TEST FOR SELF-TESTING FOR COVID-19

When to take the test?

- Within 7 days of infection.
- Within the first 5 days of symptoms.

How to use the test correctly

- Do this immediately after taking the sample
- Follow the instructions for use. The control line (C) must always be visible.

My test result is positive. What should I do? Whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms

- **Immediately begin to self-isolate.**
- **Contact health services for a confirmation test through an accredited laboratory on the Balearic Islands** (either through the Balearic Islands Health Board or through your private insurance).
- If the confirmation test is carried out by the Balearic Islands Health Board, call **971 211 998** to ask about next steps and provide the receipt from the purchase of the test in the pharmacy.
- **When going to the medical centre for the confirmation test: maintain a distance of 1.5 meters/6 feet, wash your hands, come on time, and wear a surgical, or preferably an FFP2, mask at all times when not at home.**

My test result is negative. What should I do?

Although the test only shows the control line (C) and is probably negative, **there is still a chance you are infected.** The viral load may be too low to be detected.

If you have symptoms compatible with COVID-19 or you have been in close contact with someone infected, immediately start to self-isolate and contact health services (call INFOCOVID 900 100 971 or make an appointment with your private insurance).

Can I get a false negative?

Yes, active infection may be present even if the test result appears to be negative. You should be aware that the antigen test is less sensitive than a PCR. A false negative is possible if the viral load is low (not a lot of virus in the sample), which happens during the early or late stages of infection.

Negative results can produce a false sense of security. If this is your case, continue to protect yourself and others, use a mask, wash your hands, and social distance.

For more information, ask your pharmacist

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