

BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 Testing Information

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Description of the test

BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 test is an individual diagnostic, rapid antigen COVID-19 test recommended for symptomatic people that uses a nasal swab. Results are available within 15 minutes. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has purchased BD Veritor™ At-Home tests through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The state is providing tests for students and staff at K-12 schools and children and staff at child care settings.

Considerations for use

- This type of test should be considered when rapid results are needed at home.
- Schools and child care programs may order tests from MDH, which are to be sent home with students, families, and staff to be used at home as needed.
- The test can be particularly convenient if the individual is experiencing symptoms and needs to quickly determine whether or not they have COVID-19.
- The BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 test is recommended for use by people who are symptomatic. It may also be used for asymptomatic screening when people are being tested frequently.
- The test requires the use of the Scanwell Health App and the use of a smart phone. Instructions on accessing the app will be in the materials in the test kit. Information about the app can also be found at the bottom of the following webpage: [BD Veritor™: Our Rapid COVID-19* Antigen Test \(www.bdveritorathome.com/en-us/our-covid-19-test\)](http://www.bdveritorathome.com/en-us/our-covid-19-test).
- Even with a negative test result, a child or staff member who is experiencing symptoms may need additional testing. Refer to [Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf) and [CDC: Interim Guidance for Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2 \(www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/antigen-tests-guidelines.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/antigen-tests-guidelines.html) (figure 2) for more information.
- This test is packaged with two tests per box, so that serial testing can be performed. By testing more frequently, known as serial testing, COVID-19 may be detected more quickly, which helps reduce the spread of infection. Refer to the instructions for testing details: [BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 Test - Instructions for Use \(www.fda.gov/media/151761/download\)](http://www.fda.gov/media/151761/download).
- The at-home test is recommended for children as young as 2 years old when samples are collected by an adult, and for all people ages 15 and older if they are collecting the sample by themselves.

- When there is a positive test result, families/staff should notify the school or child care and those organizations should follow MDH and CDC quarantine guidance:
 - [Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf)
 - [Best Practices for Handling a Confirmed Case of COVID-19 \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/casehandle.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/casehandle.pdf)
- BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 tests are for personal use only.
- Information on test accuracy and any risks or side effects is available in the manufacturer product information: [BD Veritor™ Product Information Leaflet \(www.bdveritorathome.com/content/dam/bdveritorathome/documents/product-information-leaflet.pdf.coredownload.pdf\)](http://www.bdveritorathome.com/content/dam/bdveritorathome/documents/product-information-leaflet.pdf.coredownload.pdf).

Logistics and roles

- Ordering test kits requires a lead time of up to two weeks and could take longer depending on the available supply.
- Schools and child care programs will order test kits to be distributed to students, families, and staff at their discretion.
- Students, families, and staff should inform schools or the child care program of positive results, so that they can take steps to prevent the spread of the virus to other students, children, and staff.

Results

- The BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 test is currently only for personal use and does not provide a record of the test or the result.
- Results are visually displayed on the test 15 minutes after the test is performed. Test results should not be read beyond 30 minutes after performing the test.

Legal and consent

The State of Minnesota makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, regarding these tests, including the use, condition, and effectiveness of tests, or the accuracy of test results. The persons ordering and taking a test accept the test “as-is,” and assume all risks associated with the test. The State of Minnesota assumes no responsibility for actual, consequential, incidental, special, or exemplary damages resulting from, caused by, or associated with any test.

Each test is intended to be administered at home by the person taking the test or, when the person tested is between the ages of 2 and 14, by an appropriate adult. The tests should be performed according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Schools and child care programs may want to consider whether the person taking the test understands how the test works and any benefits or risks, or tell the person where they can find that information (refer to BD Veritor™ resources below). School and child care programs may also want to consider if the person taking the test will be able to follow the instructions and if they have a smart phone available for use to read results. At this time, instructions are provided in English only.

Schools and child care programs may also want to consider whether parents and guardians are aware that the school or child care program may send a minor home with tests, and to have them consent to the minor receiving such tests, if necessary.

Schools and child care programs that choose to collect records or keep data on student or child testing must comply with relevant legal obligations relating to student records and data privacy, which may differ for each school or child care setting.

Schools and child care programs are strongly encouraged to consult with legal counsel on any questions. The State of Minnesota cannot provide legal advice to schools, districts, or child care programs and this document should not be relied on as legal advice.

Cost

The Minnesota Department of Health has purchased a supply of BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 tests. These tests are available for schools and child care programs at no cost to schools or families.

Vendor information

More information on BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 test, including a quick start guide, emergency use authorization letter, product information, fact sheet for individuals, and instructions: [BD Veritor™: Our Rapid COVID-19* Antigen Test \(www.bdveritorathome.com/en-us/our-covid-19-test\)](http://www.bdveritorathome.com/en-us/our-covid-19-test).

How to order tests

Order BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 tests:

- Order form: [BD Veritor Order Form \(redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=PEF8FTFH33YTC9RM\)](https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=PEF8FTFH33YTC9RM).
- Note: Each box contains two tests. You will distribute individual tests to students, staff, or families.

For more information

For any questions about using the BD Veritor™ At-Home COVID-19 test, please contact BD Veritor™ at 1-844-483-7486.



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