

Three ways to detect a corona infection

Source: <https://www.zusammengegegen corona.de/>

WHEN?

HOW?

RESULT?

WHAT NOW?

+ Self test

The antigen self-test also enables laypersons to test themselves by following the instructions for use. The result is valid for 24 hours.



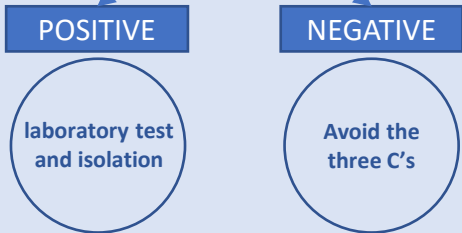
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Implementation: planned visits to family celebrations, friends, school or day-care
 ⇒ Preventive testing, third-party protection



freely available in pharmacies or in retail stores. Suitable for self-testing at home.

15-30 min

The test person determines the result autonomously by using the test strip



++ Rapid antigen test

A sample is taken by trained staff and evaluated on site. The result is valid for 24 hours.



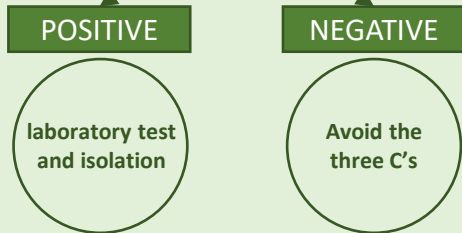
Situation: no suspicion, no symptoms or after contact with COVID-19 infected people
Implementation: planned visits to family celebrations, friends, school or day-care
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Implementation in medical practices or test centers by trained staff

15-30 min

Trained staff determine the result using test strips and provide written evidence



+++ Laboratory test

Specialist staff takes a sample from the nose or throat. The evaluation takes place in the laboratory. Due to the scientific investigation, the test takes longer, but it is also very reliable. It is considered the gold standard.



Situation: symptomatic persons, suspected cases, and/or after a positive quick test or self-test result.
 ⇒ Diagnostic



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1 day

Laboratory analyses sample. Test person receives written or digital evidence.

