



COVID-19 HOME TESTS

Home Tests

Tests purchased from the pharmacy are antigen tests.

Pro/Con

Pro: Provides quick results, easy to use and is more accurate in symptomatic individuals compared to non-symptomatic individuals.

Con: May need confirmatory testing, is less sensitive compared to PCR/NAAT testing and could also provide false negative results.

Public Health Acknowledgement

HOME TESTS WILL NOT BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY LASSEN COUNTY FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM QUARANTINE FOLLOWING AN EXPOSURE.

If you get a positive home test, come in to Public Health during testing times (Tue-Thurs. 9-11am) and get a confirmatory PCR test. You should isolate until your results from the PCR test return.

Testing outside of Public Health

All labs are required to report positive COVID tests to Public Health. Occasionally these results take multiple days to come in, delaying us from issuing isolation orders. If you receive a positive COVID-19 result from a test done outside of Public Health and do not hear from Lassen County Public Health in 2 business days, please call and report these results. This will ensure that individuals receive their isolation orders quickly.