At-home COVID-19 tests are now available at some stores and pharmacies in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is sharing these answers to commonly asked questions about at-home COVID-19 tests.

1. **How do I report the results of my at-home COVID-19 test to RIDOH?**

You can report a positive or negative result to RIDOH by calling the COVID-19 Info Line at 401-222-8022 and selecting option 6. Results should be reported within 24 hours after taking the test.

If you test positive on an at-home test, isolate at home and call your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider will report your positive test result to RIDOH for you. If you do not have a healthcare provider, you can report your positive test result directly to RIDOH.

2. **Am I required to report my at-home test results to RIDOH?**

No. You are not required to report your at-home test result to RIDOH. RIDOH encourages you to report your at-home test result so the State can continue to track the spread of COVID-19. If you test positive, RIDOH can also connect you with resources to help you isolate.

3. **Do I need to send a picture of my result?**

You do not need to submit a picture of your test result to RIDOH.

4. **Do I need to isolate if I get a positive result on an at-home COVID-19 test?**

If you get a positive result on an at-home test, isolate at home and call your healthcare provider.

You need to isolate for 10 days from when your symptoms started. If you do not have symptoms, you need to isolate 10 days from the date you took your test.

If you do not have a healthcare provider, you can report your positive test result directly to RIDOH by calling the COVID-19 Info Line at 401-222-8022 and selecting option 6. Someone from RIDOH may contact you within a few days of reporting your result. To learn more about what to do if you test positive for COVID-19, visit [covid.ri.gov/whattodo](http://covid.ri.gov/whattodo).
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5. Should I get a follow-up PCR test?

You should get a confirmatory PCR test if:

- You have symptoms of COVID-19 and you get a negative result on an at-home test.
- You do not have symptoms and you get a positive result on an at-home test.

You can get a confirmatory PCR test at any State-run test site. You can schedule a PCR test online at portal.ri.gov or by calling 401-222-8022. Tests scheduled at State-run sites are free and insurance is not required. Learn more about RIDOH’s confirmatory testing protocol.

6. I am a close contact of someone who tested positive. Can I use an at-home test to shorten quarantine?

If you are a close contact of someone who tested positive, you cannot use an at-home test to shorten quarantine. Schedule a COVID-19 test at a State-run site online at portal.ri.gov or by calling 401-222-8022.

7. Can I get a letter from RIDOH confirming my positive result on an at-home test?

RIDOH will not provide letters verifying a positive result on an at-home test. A PCR test result is required to get a letter verifying your positive result and isolation status. You can schedule a PCR test at a State-run site online at portal.ri.gov or by calling 401-222-8022.

8. What should I do if I take multiple at-home COVID-19 tests and I get different results?

If you get a positive result on one or more of your at-home tests, you have COVID-19. Isolate at home and contact RIDOH or your healthcare provider to report your positive result.