

# When to Do a Home-Test for COVID-19

I can do an easy test at home to see if I have COVID-19. This test is called a home-test, self-test, or at-home test. People can buy an at-home test at a pharmacy, retail store, online, or at a local health department. I can keep the test kit at home until I need to use it.



There are 3 reasons why I should take an at-home test, even if I have gotten the COVID-19 vaccines.



- 1) If I feel sick or have 1 or more COVID-19 symptoms, like a cough, sore throat, fever, headache, or body aches.



- 2) If I have been close to someone who has COVID-19, even if I have no symptoms. Take a test 5-7 days after a close contact, even if I don't feel sick.



- 3) If I am going to an indoor event, I can take a test right before I go to make sure I do not have COVID-19 that I could pass on to other people.

If I have questions about when I should take an at-home COVID-19 test, I can ask a trusted person, or call a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or my local health department. If I continue to feel sick after a few days or my symptoms get worse, I should call my doctor or go to a medical clinic.



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