What tests are available for detecting a coronavirus infection?

### Self-test
- The antigen self-test allows you to test yourself. The result is available within 15–30 minutes.
- You do not receive any formal confirmation of the test result.
- Positive result = suspected coronavirus infection

### Rapid test
- Qualified personnel take a sample and analyse the antigen rapid test directly on-site. The result is available within 15–30 minutes.
- You receive a written or digital confirmation of the test result.
- Positive result = suspected coronavirus infection

### PCR test
- Qualified personnel take a sample. The PCR test is analysed in a laboratory. The result is usually available within 24–72 hours.
- You receive a written or digital confirmation of the test result.
- Positive result = proof of coronavirus infection

### Options
- **Precautionary test**
  - To test yourself as necessary, e.g. before a scheduled meeting with family members, or as part of regular testing.
- **Diagnostic investigation**
  - If you have symptoms, have come into close contact with an infected person or following a positive result from an antigen self-test or rapid test.

### Where?
- **To do it yourself**, tests are available for purchase in pharmacies or retail shops.
  - Always follow the instructions.
- **At doctor's practices, in pharmacies or test centres**, for example.

### Next steps?
- **NEGATIVE**
  - Continue to observe the "Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air" hygiene rules.
  - The test result is valid for 24 hours.
  - Reduce contact with others to an absolute minimum.
  - Schedule appointment for a PCR test:
    - at your doctor's practice or local test centre.

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- **POSITIVE**
  - Isolate.
  - Continue to observe the "Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air" hygiene rules.
  - The test result is sent to the relevant health authorities.
  - Keep an overview of your health status:
    - If you have any symptoms, contact your doctor or the health authorities.