

DHS Policy for Distributing Rapid At-Home Tests

Availability & Who can use the at home tests:

- Rapid At-Home tests can be made available pending supply to clients and staff that have the following characteristics
 - o exposure concerns OR
 - o symptomatic OR
 - o at the discretion of the shelter director.
- Rapid tests have limited availability at this time and should be used with discretion

Performing the Test:

- Clients are encouraged to take the test without assistance from staff, and report positive results via phone where possible.
 - o Clients should ask for assistance with instructions and test if needed.
 - Clients and staff should remain masked when reviewing instructions.

Reporting results:

- Clients should report positive results to shelter staff
- Staff should follow existing P1 procedure, but note that the positive was a result of a rapid at-home test
 - o Clients moved to isolation due to a positive result will have result confirmed with a PCR test at the isolation site
- If a client tests positive via home test, and would like to access additional city services, call 212-COVID19. On the menu...
 - o #2: speak to a clinician about symptoms
 - o #6: letter for your employer/sick leave