

COVID-19 Home Test **FAQs**

Q1 What are the approved COVID-19 home test kits in Taiwan?

The list of home test kits approved by the Ministry of Health and Welfare can be found on the **Food and Drug Administration website**.

Q2 Where can I get a COVID-19 home test kit?

Drugstores, medical device vendors, convenience stores or pharmacies with licenses as pharmaceutical vendors can sell home test kits legally.

Q3 How can I tell if the COVID-19 home test kits are legal?

Check for the “防疫專案核准製造之第xxxxxxxxxx 號” or “防疫專案核准輸入第xxxxxxxxxx號” on the packaging and if the numbers are listed in the COVID-19 Home Test Kits section on the Food and Drug Administration website.

Q4 When should I use a COVID-19 home test kit?

When you have been exposed to the virus, including:

when you have been to areas with a higher number of confirmed cases, hotspots where confirmed cases have visited, when you have had contact with confirmed cases, when you have been to the same areas as confirmed cases or when you have visited crowded places.

If you show COVID-19 symptoms, home test kits are not for you.

You should wear a medical mask and seek medical attention ASAP without using public transportation.

Q5 Do I have COVID-19 if I test positive?

Compared to the testing performed by accredited laboratories, home test kits have lower sensitivity and specificity. Limited to the performance, false negatives and false positives are more common. Therefore, they

cannot replace the testing performed by accredited laboratories as COVID-19 diagnoses.

Q6 What should I do if I test positive?

- If you are under home isolation or home quarantine, **please contact the local department of health or 1922 immediately and follow the instructions**
- If you are not under home isolation or home quarantine, **please wear a mask and go to a nearby community testing site as soon as possible***. Do not take public transportation when seeking further testing. The used test should be sealed in a plastic bag and handed to the personnel at the community testing site.

*Find the community testing sites here: <https://antiflu.cdc.gov.tw/ExaminationCounter>

Q7 What if I test negative?

Limited by the product performance, false negatives cannot be ruled out. Please continue to observe self-health management and follow the CECC's regulations on personal protection. Place the used home test kit and swab in a sealed plastic bag and dispose of it in the general trash bin.

Q8 Why is the result neither positive nor negative? What should I do?

The unclear result may be due to factors such as product defect or error in the procedure. Read the manual carefully. In case of doubt, consult the point of sale or the test manufacturer.