



COVID-19: Overview of test types

	PCR test Nasopharyngeal	PCR test Saliva	Rapid antigen test Nasopharyngeal	Rapid antigen test Nose	Self-test Nose
<i>Analysis in</i>	Lab	Lab	Lab	On site (e.g. pharmacy)	Other
<i>Sampling</i>	Specialist	Anyone	Specialist	Specialist	Anyone
<i>Already validated tests available</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (1 test validated to date)	No
<i>Reliability</i>	Very high	High	High	Good when symptomatic; Without symptoms likely lower	Good when symptomatic; Without symptoms likely lower
<i>Application area</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Persons with symptoms – Persons at risk – Health professionals – Individuals with positive rapid or self-test 	Regular testing: e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Companies – Schools – Care home staff – Sports club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Persons with symptoms – Regular testing – Entourage of particularly vulnerable persons (e.g. visitors to care homes) – On-demand testing in pharmacies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On-demand testing in pharmacies – Regular tests possible if enough good tests on the market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On-demand testing at home – Regular tests possible if enough good tests on the market
<i>Procedure in case of positive test</i>	Isolation	PCR test for confirmation; Isolation	PCR test for confirmation; Isolation	PCR test for confirmation; Isolation	PCR test for confirmation; Isolation