

Provincial Antigen Screening Program FAQs

1. How long does it take for the Antigen POCT kits to be delivered after being ordered?

It can take roughly 10-14 business days, however there is no specific time interval, rather the member should check their order status on the website.

2. Who is the contact person if there are issues with the order?

If there is an issue with the order, the member can contact support@sowingto.com, utilize a chat feature in account, or contact the 1-888-997-3133.

3. Can the Antigen POCT kits be used on patients?

RDTs can order free antigen rapid tests through the [ADTO Landing Page](#). At this time, the supplied test kits should be used for staff-screening only. The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO) released [COVID-19 Guidance: Antigen Point-of-Care Testing](#) which provides additional information on testing, including how to use antigen POCT for patients. According to the site, the Ministry's guidance for using antigen POCT includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Antigen POCT is appropriate for use in asymptomatic individuals only.
- Antigen POCT is used for screening purposes only and should not be used for diagnosis.
- Antigen POCT does not replace public health measures such as symptom screening, physical distancing, masking, and hand hygiene.
- Prior to initiating Antigen POCT, RDTs should make their local public health unit aware that they will be doing so.
- Any positive results from Antigen POCT must be confirmed with laboratory-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing.

4. Can my dental staff be provided with a receipt proving their negative COVID-19 antigen POCT result?

RDTs interested in using antigen POCT testing in their laboratories must comply with the information stated in the Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Guidance: Considerations for Antigen Point-of-Care Testing](#), which states:

Antigen POCT is used for screening purposes only and should NOT be used for diagnosis of COVID-19 infection in symptomatic individuals or individuals with known close contact with a positive COVID-19 case.

5. What are the reporting requirements if I choose to order the free antigen POCT tests through the ADTO Landing Page?

With respect to reporting, according to the [Ministry of Health](#), all organizations participating in the Provincial Antigen Screening Program must provide a weekly report containing the following information:

- The type of rapid test used.
- Number of rapid antigen tests used.
- Number of invalid rapid antigen test results.
- Number of individuals who tested positive with a rapid antigen test.
- Number of individuals who tested negative with a rapid antigen test.

The reports are due each Friday; no identifiable patient data is collected. Failing to comply with reporting or other program requirements may lead to program termination for the employer from the province.

6. Can the antigen POCT kits be returned through the ADTO Landing Page or donated to another dental office?

The Government of Ontario's [Provincial Antigen Screening Program](#) website states that "unused or expired tests cannot be returned due to quality control and infection prevention control considerations". The ADTO Landing Page also does not accept returned or expired rapid tests.

Should you decide that you no longer want the kits you ordered, they can be provided to participating RDTs/laboratories, or another open business with employees on-site as long as that business signs up for the Provincial Antigen Screening Program and agrees to the requirements. You could also inform your local public health unit (PHU) that you are no longer participating.

With regards to reporting, please email AskHealthData@ontario.ca to inform the Ministry of Health that you are no longer participating/utilizing the kits.