Free PoC Antigen Test

Each person is entitled to at least one free PoC antigen test per week, subject to availability.

Der **Landkreis Cloppenburg** informiert

What is a PoC Antigen Test?
Point-of-Care (PoC) tests enable testing for the Corona virus without commissioning a laboratory with the testing. The test result is available in less than 30 minutes. A swab is inser-ted into the nose to take a sample for smear testing.

Why are there free PoC Antigen Tests?
Tests allow the detection of hidden infections with the Corona virus. Infection chains are interrupted earlier or even avoided completely by doing these tests.

Where can I get tested?
In the Landkreis Cloppenburg, you may get a test decentrally at every city/community. Tests are offered by doctors, pharmacies and third parties like the relief organisations of the Red Cross and the Johanniter (St. John's association). An overview can be found on the homepage of the Landkreis under: **www.lkclp.de**

When can I be tested?
There are fixed appointments available for testing, but arrangements with the testing facilities for individual testing appointments can be made. Beyond this, tests are also offered outside of regular business hours and on weekends (s. homepage).

How can I prove that I have been tested?
After each test you will receive a certificate on the test performed.

What happens after a test turns out positive?
After a positive PoC antigen test, a PCR test will always be made for confirmation. Beyond this, a positive test requires you to go into quarantine. Ideally, subsequent infections have been avoided through early detection of an infection and infection chains can be disrupted.

What do I have to do when the result of a self-test from a retailer turns out positive?
If your self-test is positive you have to inform the Bürgertelefon (04471/15-555) of the Landkreis Cloppenburg. You will then need to arrange for a swab test to be made for examination in a laboratory (PCR test) to check the result. Such a swab test can for instance be done at your physician's practice or at testing facilities.