

How can I set up rapid testing for COVID-19 to help keep my workplace safe?

Rapid testing, also known as antigen point-of-care (APOC) testing, can provide an additional layer of safety by testing people for COVID-19 before they enter a workplace.

If you'd like to set up rapid testing for your business, you'll need to connect with your local public health unit and they will help you start the private testing program, including how tests will be done and how the results will be shared.

The testing kits are available from local chambers of commerce, or directly from the federal or provincial governments.

You can find more information on the Ministry of Health website about:

[Considerations for Privately Initiated Testing](#)

[Considerations for rapid or "Antigen Point-of-Care" Testing](#)

Can rapid testing be part of my Control of Hazards COVID-19 topic in the Health and Safety Excellence program?

Yes, rapid testing can be added to your complete control program as an additional screening tool. As a reminder: to qualify for a rebate, your control measures for COVID-19 need to include symptom screening, physical distancing, masking, and hygiene (and not just focus on rapid screening).

I have already started my Control of Hazards COVID-19 action plan through the Excellence program, can I still implement rapid screening?

It depends where you are in implementation. You should speak with your provider as soon as possible to ensure that you'll have time to fully implement rapid screening, along with your other measures.

What if I've already completed the Control of Hazards work for COVID-19? Can I select the topic again to work on rapid screening?

If you've already completed this topic, then you'll need to provide a rationale on the digital tool that explains the gaps in your program and why you need to redo the topic.

You'll find the topic eligibility criteria in the "Select your topics and create an action plan" section of the Member Guidelines that will help you write your rationale, and your provider should be able to help you, too.