



## Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Ontario's use of rapid antigen tests has also evolved with the emergence of Omicron, including expanded ways to use rapid antigen tests and now expanded distribution through the launch of widespread public access to further support the easing of public health measures.

### When should I use a RAT?

Rapid antigen tests are now recommended for the following:

- **For people with symptoms**
  - A positive rapid antigen test is highly indicative that a symptomatic individual has COVID-19, and the individual and their household are required to self-isolate, in accordance with guidance.
  - If two consecutive rapid antigen tests, separated by 24-48 hours, are both negative, the symptomatic individual is less likely to be infected, and the individual is advised to self-isolate until symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms).
- **For people without symptoms as screening**
  - One-off testing (e.g., before a social gathering) by people who are asymptomatic and without known exposure to someone with COVID-19 is generally not recommended. If you choose to use a rapid antigen test in this way it should be completed as close to the event as possible (e.g., ideally within a few hours of the event), and it's important to know that a negative result could be a false negative.
- **For "test-to-work" purposes to meet critical workforce needs in the highest risk settings only**
  - For the general public, close contacts should self-isolate in accordance with guidance.

**Positive rapid antigen tests do not require confirmatory PCR/rapid molecular testing or reporting to public health.**

### Where can I obtain RATs in Renfrew County and District (RCD)?

Current as of Feb 14, 2022

City/Town	Retailer Name
Arnprior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-right: 20px;">• Metro</li> <li>• Shoppers Drug Mart</li> <li>• Rexall</li> </ul>
Barry's Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro</li> </ul>
Calabogie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calabogie Pharmacy</li> </ul>
Deep River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-right: 20px;">• Cahoon's PharmacyRx</li> <li>• Rx Drug Mart Deep River</li> <li>• Deep River's Pharmacy</li> </ul>
Pembroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-right: 20px;">• Food Basics</li> <li>• Rowans Pharmasave</li> <li>• Metro</li> <li>• Shoppers Drug Mart</li> <li>• Both Rexall Locations</li> <li>• Walmart</li> </ul>
Petawawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rexall</li> <li>• Shoppers Drug Mart</li> </ul>
Renfrew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-right: 20px;">• Aikenhead's Drug Ltd.</li> <li>• Walmart</li> <li>• Rexall</li> </ul>
Whitney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whitney Pharmacy</li> </ul>



### Disclaimer

Availability may vary.

Check with retailers to ensure that there are rapid tests available for pick-up, and to determine if there are specific times that rapid tests are distributed.

For the most up-to-date list of participating retailers visit: [ontario.ca/page/rapid-testing-home-use](https://ontario.ca/page/rapid-testing-home-use)