Handout for Employees: What to do if you have a positive COVID-19 rapid antigen test

A positive rapid antigen result means that you may be infected with COVID-19. However, antigen tests may occasionally produce false positive results, and you will need a regular laboratory test in order to confirm your result.

Here are key steps to follow if you get a positive rapid antigen result:

1. **Confirm the result**

- Get tested as soon as possible (ideally within 48 hours) at a local COVID-19 assessment centre participating licensed community lab or specimen collection centre, where available. Go to covid-19.ontario.ca to find one near you.

2. **Self-isolate**

- Go home immediately and self-isolate at home until you receive your confirmatory test result.

    o This means that you should only leave your home for critical reasons (like a medical emergency) and avoid contact with other people (including your household members).

- If your confirmatory test is positive, you will need to continue self-isolating, and your local public health unit will be in contact with you.

3. **Safely return to work**

- You need to receive a negative result from a confirmatory test at an assessment centre before returning to work.

- If you do not get a confirmatory test, you should remain self-isolated until 10 days have passed since your positive antigen test result. If you do not get a confirmatory test you should inform everyone you were in close contact with in the 48 hours before your antigen positive result that they should self-isolate and get tested.