

## Comparison of OTC COVID-19 Tests

	<b>BinaxNOW</b>	<b>QuickVue</b>	<b>iHealth</b>	<b>FlowFlex</b>
Type of test	Antigen Test	Antigen test	Antigen Test	Antigen Test
Can it be used to test oneself at home?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does this require electronic equipment for testing	No* <i>(No need for any electronic equipment). Navica mobile app available to view/share results.</i>	No* <i>(No need for any electronic equipment)</i>	No* <i>(No need for any electronic equipment). iHealth mobile app available to share test results.</i>	No* <i>(No need for any electronic equipment)</i>
<b>*NOTE: Never conduct testing or store test supplies outside the temp range approved by the manufacturer.</b>				
Storage temperature	36 - 86°F	59 - 86°F	36 - 86°F	36 - 86°F
Specimen type	Nasal swab	Nasal swab	Nasal swab	Nasal swab
CLIA waiver	No <i>This is an over-the-counter self-test</i>	No <i>This is an over-the-counter self-test</i>	No <i>This is an over-the-counter self-test</i>	No <i>This is an over-the-counter self-test</i>
Time to result	~15 minutes	~10 minutes	~15 minutes	~15 minutes
Who can be tested?	Symptomatic & Asymptomatic (need to retake test in 2-3 days, 36 hours apart)	Symptomatic & Asymptomatic (need to retake test in 2-3 days, 24-36 hours apart)	Symptomatic & Asymptomatic (need to retake test within 3 days, 24-48 hours apart)	Symptomatic and asymptomatic (no need to retake test)
When is PCR confirmation needed?	Symptomatic negative & asymptomatic positive	Symptomatic negative & asymptomatic positive	Symptomatic negative & asymptomatic positive	Symptomatic negative & asymptomatic positive

### **Additional Information and Links:**

1. More info on OTC BinaxNow <https://www.abbott.com/corpnnewsroom/diagnostics-testing/BinaxNOW-what-you-need-to-know.html>
2. More info on OTC QuickVue <https://www.fda.gov/media/147265/download>
3. More info on OTC iHealth <https://m.media-amazon.com/images/I/AIhiO3-ewEL.pdf>
4. More info on OTC FlowFlex <https://flowflexcovid.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ACON-Labs-Flowflex-US-COVID-19-Home-Test-Consumer-Insert-En.pdf>
5. More info on lab-based PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tests: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/vitro-diagnostics-euas>
6. Info on CLIA waivers: <https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/legislation/clia/downloads/howobtaincertificateofwaiver.pdf>
7. Expanded antigen testing guidance from CDC: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/expanded-screening-testing.html#anchor\\_160677714077](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/expanded-screening-testing.html#anchor_160677714077)
8. More info on when PCR confirmation of antigen tests should be done: (a) <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3880>; (b) [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/Antigen\\_Testing\\_Algorithm\\_2020-12-14\\_v03\\_NO\\_DRAFT\\_SPW\\_508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/Antigen_Testing_Algorithm_2020-12-14_v03_NO_DRAFT_SPW_508.pdf)
9. For free testing supplies from LDH, email [CovidTesting@LA.gov](mailto:CovidTesting@LA.gov) or submit request for test supplies at [www.ldh.la.gov/cv19testrequest](http://www.ldh.la.gov/cv19testrequest)