



FAQ - Tips and limitations of the Sensitest Corona Covid-19 Rapid Test

1. The Sensitest Covid-19 Rapid Test is a new product. It has been developed in China in the past 2 months by a company that has been developing rapid test kits for 15 years, including rapid tests for infectious diseases. It has been extensively tested on a large group of people and the first results seem very promising. This rapid test is CE certified for professional use. That means that this test cannot be sold by drugstores to the public. A doctor must perform the test and provide an assessment of the test result, taking all symptoms into consideration.
2. Not much usage information is known yet. We would love to hear feedback, findings as they become available. In particular about the time from which phase in the development of the disease this test can be reliably performed.
3. The reliability of the test result will depend in particular on the moment during the illness that the test is performed. The first early positive test results are expected with patients who have produced the IgM antibody. From information we have now, it can be from 1 to 2 weeks since the first symptoms started.
4. The test probably indicates negative with patients who are in the first days of fever, dry cough, nose cold, sore throat or loss of smell / taste. You will have to wait 1 to 2 weeks to get a reliable test result.
5. It may not make sense at this time (late March / early April 2020) to test individuals who have not been ill at all and have no further symptoms. Perhaps that may be useful later if more is known.
6. Most likely, the test indicates negative with people who are still in the incubation period.
7. The test can be used to detect people who have IgG antibodies against this virus. Think of hospital staff and people who have been ill with mild cold up to flu symptoms in recent months. People who have now fully recovered without further complaints can be tested with the Covid-19 rapid test. If the test with this person indicates positive, he/she probably has the IgG antibodies and can then no longer get sick from this variant of the virus.