



**NC State Health Director's Statewide Standing Order to
Allow Pharmacists to Dispense Over the Counter At-Home COVID-19 Tests
January 14th, 2022**

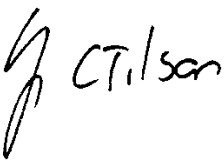
This standing order authorizes any North Carolina licensed pharmacist, in accordance with the conditions of their licensure, to dispense any over-the-counter (OTC) at-home COVID-19 test made available under an FDA emergency use authorization (FDA authorized) or FDA approval (FDA approved) to persons without an individual prescription. This order is in no way intended to authorize a healthcare provider to practice outside their legally defined scope of practice. Insurance coverage and dispensing limits of at-home test kits will vary based on policies of insurance plans.

COVID-19 Testing	
Condition or Situation	Person presents requesting a COVID-19 over-the-counter at-home COVID-19 test kit.
Assessment Criteria	
Eligibility Criteria	Patient, parent/legal guardian on behalf of patient, or patient's designated representative attests that the patient meets the criteria for use of FDA-authorized or FDA-approved at-home OTC COVID-19 test of the specific at-home COVID-19 they have selected. The instructions for use of each COVID-19 at-home test may be found in the box or at the following web sites: Fact Sheets and Instructions for Use for Individuals for molecular COVID-19 tests Fact Sheets and Instructions for Use for Individuals for antigen COVID-19 tests
Plan of Care	
Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Data Collection<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. If patient is covered by Medicaid, pharmacist will collect patient's NC Medicaid information, according to site protocol, in order to bill Medicaid for the patient's selected FDA-authorized or FDA-approved over-the-counter COVID-19 at-home test.b. Pharmacist will collect patient information for other payers according to other payors' protocol and coverage policies.2. Patient Instruction<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Prior to dispensing at home testing kit, the pharmacist shall direct patient to review the manufacturer's instructions for use. The instructions for use of each COVID-19 at-home test may be found in the box or at the following web sites:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Fact Sheets and Instructions for Use for Individuals for molecular COVID-19 testsii. Fact Sheets and Instructions for Use for Individuals for antigen COVID-19 testsb. The pharmacist <i>may</i> also provide anticipatory guidance depending on the patient's need, to the patient, patient's legal



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	<p>guardian/parent, or patient’s designated representative regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Where, how, and when to obtain the test result; ii. DHHS At-Home Testing Guidance for the General Public iii. Information on control measures to follow while waiting for the test result and to follow if the test result is positive, based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance; iv. Direct patient to notify their primary care doctor or advanced practice provider (nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or physician assistant) if they have additional questions about the use of their FDA-authorized or FDA-approved over-the-counter at-home COVID-19 test. v. Provide patient information on how to access medical care if the patient has or develops worsening symptoms.
Contraindications for Use of this Order	There are no specific contraindications for dispensation of at-home COVID-19 testing kits.

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Date Signed: 1-14-22

This order is effective immediately upon signing and may be revised or revoked by the State Health Director according to his/her discretion. Legal Authority: [Executive Order 245](#).