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## Free Antigen Rapid Tests

Registered Denturists;

The Ministry of Health and the Ontario Government are administering a Provincial Antigen Screening Program that provides free rapid antigen test kits (**Pan bio™ COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests**) to all oral health professionals, free of charge.

Antigen point-of-care testing (POCT) is an additional screening method that can help stop the spread of COVID-19 by identifying cases that may otherwise have been missed. It is important to note that it is **not a diagnostic tool**, and is appropriate for use in asymptomatic individuals only. Please note that at this time, the supplied test kits should be used **FOR STAFF SCREENING ONLY.** Organizations can test their staff on-site one to three times per week and get results in about 15 minutes.

The Ontario Government is working with professional associations to provide limited quantities of theses tests to dental professionals, free of charge. The Ontario Government is coordinating the administration of these kits through the Denturist Association of Ontario. The DAO has agreed to be the point of contact for these kits for **ALL Registered Denturists**, not just DAO members.

To find out if on-site testing is right for you:

- Review the **Provincial Testing Guidance** and **training materials**.
- Implement a COVID-19 workplace safety plan.
- Train people or hire a service provider to administer the tests.
- Review the Management of Individuals with Point-of-care Testing.
- Follow the RCDSO COVID-19 Guidance: Antigen POCT.
- Ministry of Health Provincial guidance.

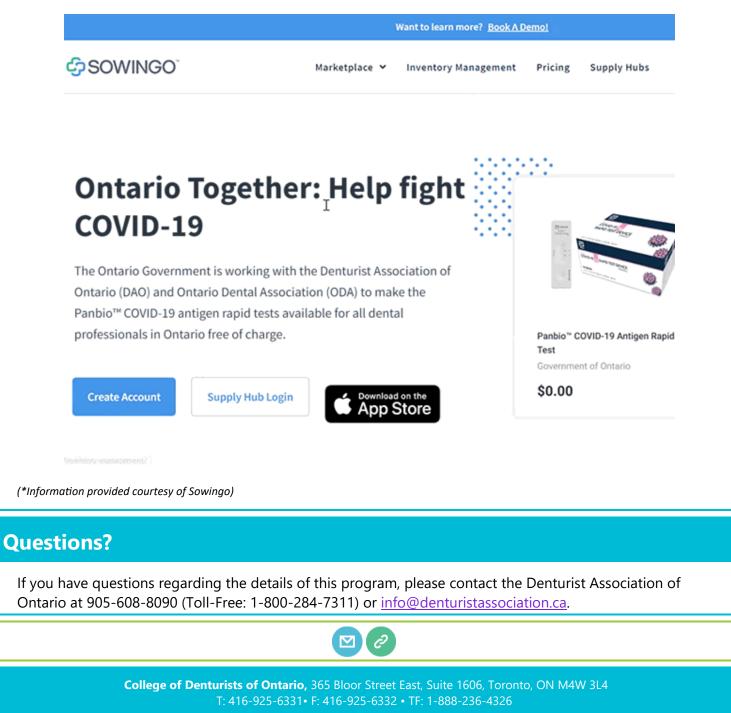
To participate in the Program, participants:

- Must agree to the program requirements.
- Review onboarding and training materials, and
- Comply with reporting requirements by the Ontario government.

All product and shipping costs are covered by the Ontario Government, while a processing fee will be covered by the DAO. To ensure sustainability of the supply, the number of antigen rapid tests that can be ordered per practice location will be limited. Due to an expected high volume of initial orders, processing and delivery times may be longer than what denturists are used to when ordering from your usual dental supplier. The DAO is working with other oral-health partners to co-ordinate this offering to all regulated dental professionals. Access to these products through the DAO landing page is made possible through partnership with the Ontario Dental Association (ODA).

To order your free antigen rapid tests, CLICK HERE.

For FAQs about this program, **CLICK HERE**.



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