

Dear patient,

below you will find the instructions to read the outcomes of your antigen test, hereinafter, for brevity, referred to as "antigen test", including the procedures to follow.

You can get your reports directly in your clinical dossier, logging into your personal area via website <https://www.santagostino.it/it>.

To activate your Dossier, you will need to register on the site using the Patient Code (Codice Paziente) that you already have if you had other visits in our centers, or that was given to you at the time of the check-in, if it is the first time that you use one of our services. Once registered, enter your personal profile and, in the menu on the right, click on "Dossier"; read and accept the information on the processing of personal data and click on "Activate" (make sure you have your Patient Code (Codice Paziente) and your Fiscal Code with you, necessary to complete this step).

Below you will find [a video where you are explained step by step how to activate the dossier](#).

We remind you, for personal caution and for the protection of everyone's health, to take all necessary measures to avoid potential infections, including the constant use of all the necessary containment devices, especially a mask and, if you are in possession, disposable gloves.

How to read your result

The report will present one of these possible results:

1. "Negative";
2. "Positive";
3. "Doubt";
4. "Invalid".

Below, the instructions you need to follow to understand your result and understand how you should behave:

- **Negative**

The result means that Covid-19 viral RNA was not detected by the time of the test, however the subject can be infected with the virus from the moment of the swab. In the event of a low viral load, the antigen test, due to its sensitivity (>90%) may not detect the presence of the virus. Therefore, a negative test **does not exclude an infection by SARS-CoV-2**.

We suggest seeking medical advice if, despite the negative result, you have symptoms of Covid 19, or had a close contact with a subject surely infected by Covid-19.

The outcomes of the test are to be considered preliminary; therefore, **they don't have a diagnostic value**.

- **Positive**

The result means that Covid-19 viral RNA was detected by the time of the test.
A period of **compulsory self-isolation** according to current regulations begins from now on.
We suggest seeking medical advice for questions or clarifications.

- **Doubtful**

The result suggests the possible current presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The outcomes of the test **don't have a diagnostic value**. In the event of a doubtful test, it is recommended to undergo a PCR test and to observe a period of self isolation, until a new result is obtained.
We suggest seeking medical advice for questions or clarifications.

- **Invalid**

The result may be due to physiological characteristics of the patient.
In case of invalid result, the test must be repeated and will be repeated free of charge. We suggest seeking medical advice for questions or clarifications.
The outcomes of the test are to be considered preliminary; therefore, **they don't have a diagnostic value**.

In the event of a **positive test**, the patient may request a home assisted swab performed by a nurse, observing **compulsorily** in any case a period of self-isolation until the new result is obtained.

In the event of a **doubtful test**, if the patient decides to undergo the RT-PCR viral RNA test, he/she may inform the nursing staff and have it at the same time, at an additional cost. Alternatively, the patient may request a home assisted swab performed by a nurse, observing compulsorily in any case a period of self-isolation until the new result is obtained.

In case of **invalid result**, the test must be repeated and will be **repeated free of charge**.

The outcome of your swab will be communicated to the Regional sanitary institution (ATS), as required by health protocols and current legislation.