Following the emergence of the Omicron variant
Updates have been made to the COVID-19 Rapid Test Protocol to include swabs for both the throat and nose

Follow the instructions provided with the COVID-19 rapid testing device

How to use the device?

Step 1

Swipe the soft tip of the swab across the very back of the throat behind the Arch by opening mouth wide and stick out the tongue, ensure to swab the sides of the arch. Don’t swab the tongue or teeth.

Step 2

Using the same swab, place tip of the cotton swab inside nostril and gently wipe around inside of the nose, no force needed & repeat it to other nostril.

The result is negative if one line appears in area (C).

The result is positive if two lines appear in the (C) / (T) areas. If so, a PCR test must performed.

Note: The test shall be considered invalid and must be repeated if no line appears in area (C).

You should not be eating or drinking 30 mins before the procedure to yield reliable result.

The used tools must be sealed in a plastic bag and kept outside for 3 days. After 3 days, it can be treated as normal waste.
Instructions on testing positive following a rapid COVID-19 test

If you have tested positive following a rapid COVID-19 test

You must report the result via the “BeAware” application

Go directly to the drive-through testing center at:

• Muharraq Drive-Through Testing Centre, near the King Hamad University Hospital
• Southern Governorate Drive-Through Testing Centre, near the Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International, and Energy Studies (Derasat)
• Northern Governorate Drive-Through Testing Centre in Salman City

Without the need to call 444

Do not forget to carry the rapid test device with you following placement in a transparent airtight bag

Note:

Please isolate yourself, avoid interactions with others and wear a mask.