Providing a test sample

Prior to the day of your sample test you will need to collect a tube and bag so that you can provide a sample. These are available at the drop off point on a table in the Discovery Centre Street.

On the day of testing following a period of 30 min during which you have not eaten, drunk or smoked anything, spit into one of the collection tubes. We request you provide 0.5ml of free-flowing saliva. Sputum with higher mucus content from deep down your throat is inhibitory to the reaction. Some patience is required. It may help to first clear your mouth by swallowing, then lean your head slightly forwards and think of a nice meal! A small amount of saliva will accumulate behind your lips. Spit into the tube, wait approximately 1 min before repeating until you have produced 0.5ml. Seal the tube tightly, rinse it with soapy water and dry off, then place in the zip lock plastic bag provided.

Take your bagged tube to the drop off point in the Discovery Centre Street, (3 white tables) select a bar code sticker and attach it to the plastic bag.

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2. Click the ‘ADD NEW TEST...’ button in the ‘My COVID-19 Tests’.

This will open the ‘Add new test’ form.

If your device and browser allow Dion to use your device camera then you will be prompted to give your permission as demonstrated above. You do not need to grant Dion permission to use your camera, however it will make entering your sample ID easier. If you have the option to and choose to use the camera, we recommend you click the ‘Allow’ button.

An image from the camera should appear in the screen and when you move this over the bar code it will be read.

In some cases the image will be from the front facing camera. In this case touching the back button, then returning to add new test often opens a view with the camera facing away which is required to scan the barcode.
3. You will now be able to see the view from your camera displayed in the ‘Add new test’ form.

4. The label on the bag your sample tube came in has a QR code and sample ID printed upon it. Use the camera to scan the QR code and enter the Sample ID automatically if possible.

5. If the camera has not worked, enter the Sample ID exactly as it appears on the label. Three alphanumerics separated by hyphens. Click the ‘SUBMIT’ button.

6. You will be returned to the Dion dashboard where your latest test will now be displayed in the ‘My COVID-19 Tests’ panel with a status of ‘In Progress’ as shown below.
4. Dion dashboard with 'In Progress' test

7. You have successfully created a test entry.

When your sample has been processed, you will receive an email advising you to sign-in and check the result.

**Note:** Saliva sample must be collected, at home, placed into a screw-cap, leak-tight, conical, 25ml plastic tube. The tube will be doubly contained in a zip-lock plastic bag during transport from home to work. Samples should be deposited by the volunteer at a drop-off point (Discover Centre Street) directly into a rack contained within a sample collection box.

Samples should not be provided by individuals displaying symptoms of CoVID-19.
Getting your result

1. You will receive and email when the status of your test has changed (e.g. when the test has been completed).

2. Click the ‘SIGN IN’ button. This will open your browser and take you to the sign-in page. Sign-in as described above.
3. The Dìon dashboard will display the result of your latest test.

4. Whatever the result of your test, you can find out more information by pressing the ‘MORE INFORMATION’ button.