

**Ministry for Children, Family Affairs,
Refugees, and Integration
of the Federal State of
North Rhine-Westphalia (MKFFI)**

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Information for Parents

whose children are cared for in day-care facilities or centres for children

Information for Providers, Managements, Staff

of day-care facilities or day homes for children

Launch of “Lollipop” Tests for Own Application

Since April, rapid antigen tests have been delivered to employees of day-care facilities for children, caregivers in day homes for children and children on a weekly basis. We have been providing regular information on this front.

Concurrently, we verified whether tests for own application (self-tests) more appropriate for children are likewise available besides the antigen self-tests requiring a smear test in the front nose area. The “lollipop” tests performed using a swab and a saliva sample are deemed to be particularly appropriate for children. Some products have meanwhile been authorised as self-tests. We have therefore decided to replace the existing self-tests by such tests for own application.

We will start delivering the tests this week. The manufacturer of these tests designated as “SARS-CoV-2 Ag Self-Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)” is the company “Shenzen Watmind Medical”.

Application Notes

Sampling is performed using a saliva sample, with the sterile single-use swab being turned for at least 10 seconds under the tongue for a minimum of 5 times and fully soaked with saliva. Please make sure not to eat or drink anything 30 minutes before taking the sample. Detailed application notes can be found in the Instructions for Use enclosed.

The manufacturer of the tests has already published translations into various other languages on its website, and further languages are likely to follow in the course of this week. The translations are available using the link <https://www.medical-schreiner.de/logistik.php>.

The MKFFI will shortly upload a video on its website to demonstrate and explain the test application to children and parents. This video serves as a first child-related guidance for using the test. It will also be disseminated on the Ministry’s social media channels, Facebook and Instagram.

As in the case of the existing self-tests, this test, too, can only be performed by the parents when applied to children.

Once these tests have been launched, the framework conditions published in the Official Information of 08 April 2021 will continue to apply. The self-tests will still be applied on a voluntary basis. Children are tested at home by their parents. The presentation of a test result is no requirement for commencing employment or for making use of the care services.

Please seize the testing opportunities as a contribution to further curb the occurrence of infections and to maintain the operation of your day-care facility and day home for children.

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