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Canada's procurement of COVID-19 rapid tests

COVID-19 testing technologies are advancing as the pandemic continues. The Government of Canada continues to pursue agreements to procure rapid tests for provinces and territories, northern and Indigenous communities, and federal organizations.

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Rapid test agreements

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Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), on behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada, has purchased millions of point-of-care and antigen rapid tests. These agreements help to increase COVID-19 testing capacity with authorized, proven and effective technologies. [PSPC \(Public Services and Procurement Canada\)](#) has put in place contracts for the procurement of rapid tests totaling \$4 billion.

The table below outlines Canada's agreements with suppliers for rapid tests. These tests have been procured to fulfil immediate, emerging and long-term requirements. Suppliers deliver rapid tests based on the schedule outlined in each specific contract. Canada continues to receive shipments of rapid tests on a regular basis.

Rapid test agreements with suppliers

Supplier	Name of test	Tests procured
Abbott Rapid Diagnostics ULC	ID NOW and Panbio tests	142,979,600
Artron Laboratories Inc. (Incorporated)	COVID-19 Antigen tests	27,699,530
Becton Dickinson Canada Inc. (Incorporated)	BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests	12,256,300
bioMérieux Canada Inc. (Incorporated)	RP2.1 Diagnostic test kits	224,490
BTNX Inc. (Incorporated)	Rapid Response tests	316,550,000
CanAm Scientific	SD Biosensor tests	1,663,700
Cepheid Canada ULC	GeneXpert rapid tests	1,452,980
Lucira Health Inc. (Incorporated)	Check It COVID-19 test kits	264,248
Precision Compounds Inc. (Incorporated)	AssureTech COV-S23 tests	3,506,000
Quidel Canada ULC	QuickVue and Sofia tests	17,350,000
Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. (Limited)	SD Biosensor tests	11,250,000
Switch Health Holdings Inc. (Incorporated)	SD Biosensor tests	60,350,000

Supplier	Name of test	Tests procured
Trimedic Supply Network Ltd. (Limited)	Assuretech tests	7,837,640
Total		603,384,488

Request for standing offer

To continue to increase national testing and screening capacity with authorized, proven and effective technologies, the Government of Canada has issued a Request for Standing Offer (RFSO) for the supply of Health Canada-authorized COVID-19 rapid tests.

On behalf of Health Canada, PSPC (Public Services and Procurement Canada) is establishing standing offers with qualified companies for the supply and delivery of rapid tests on an as-needed basis. These standing offers help ensure a reliable supply chain and better position the federal government to respond to increased testing demands in the future.

Rapid tests are procured through this RFSO (Request for Standing Offer) to meet Health Canada's requirements. This can include tests to distribute to provinces and territories, northern and Indigenous communities, federal organizations, or other organizations for workplace screening.

This RFSO (Request for Standing Offer) is a way of ensuring the Government of Canada can secure rapid tests for immediate needs without delay. At this time, the RFSO (Request for Standing Offer) includes antigen rapid tests. As needs for other types of rapid tests emerge, the RFSO (Request for Standing Offer) can be expanded to procure other types of rapid tests for the Government of Canada as well.

Types of rapid tests

- [Point-of-care and self-testing devices](#)
- [Antigen-based testing](#)

Rapid tests distributed in Canada

The Public Health Agency of Canada is supporting provincial and territorial COVID-19 testing capacity and distributing rapid tests across Canada. Learn more:

[Number of rapid tests distributed in Canada](#)

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