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Serious Issues with At-Home Tests

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On July 21, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced that on December 31 the agency would be withdrawing its request to the FDA for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the PCR test for detection of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The CDC wrote that the agency was providing advance notice so that laboratories and institutions would have enough time to choose other tests approved by the FDA.

On another CDC site, the agency promotes home tests for COVID-19 for people who have symptoms, or asymptomatic people who have been exposed to a person who has COVID-19, stating that home tests are “especially important” before gatherings with unvaccinated children, the elderly, or others at risk of serious disease. The CDC states several times on this site that testing is necessary even for vaccinated people, and that people who test positive should isolate and wear a mask if they are in contact with others regardless of their vaccination status.

The CDC site recommends consulting the FDA’s website for a list of at-home tests approved under an Emergency Use Authorization. The tests are available at drug stores like Walgreens and CVS, and also can be obtained free from local health departments. One of the tests listed on the FDA’s site is the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test, made by Abbott Labs.

Major Concerns

There are many reasons to be concerned about this test. A document called “Healthcare Provider Instructions for Use” includes this statement:

“Individuals should report their test result through the NAVICA app (created by Abbott and downloadable for free) and provide all results to their healthcare provider in order to receive appropriate care. All healthcare providers will report all test results they receive from individuals who use the authorized product to relevant public health

authorities...”

In other words, **if you test positive and notify a physician or other healthcare provider, your local health authorities will likely know about your positive test results too.** Health departments might be collecting test results just because collecting data is one of the things they are supposed to do. They might be collecting this data in order to continue to generate fear by reporting cases to the media every day. Or they might be planning something else, such as monitoring people who test positive in order to make sure that they quarantine at home; or even removing people from their homes and taking them to a quarantine camp. This is already happening in other countries, and after having our rights and freedoms taken away for almost two years now, it’s no longer possible to trust government and health officials. Anything is possible.



But that’s not all. The instructions document also includes this statement about the reagent solution used in the test:

“The Reagent Solution contains a harmful chemical... If the solution contacts the skin or eye, flush with copious amounts of water. If irritation persists, seek medical advice.”

The chemical is sodium azide, and here are excerpts from a CDC website providing facts about sodium azide:

“Sodium azide is a rapidly acting, potentially deadly