How to successfully use your COVID-19 test kit
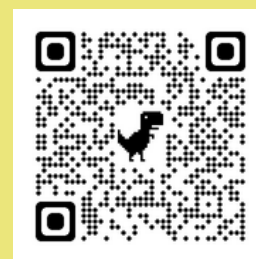
Tips for making the process go smoothly. See the reverse for information on what to do if you test positive.

READ ALL DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE BEGINNING.

To find the directions in 11 languages in full color and black and white versions go to the following link or scan the QR code:

https://www.mass.gov/lists/covid-19-self-test-at-home-instructions-graphic

Lay everything out first.

Your test comes with three necessary items: test card, tube of testing liquid, and swab.

Set a timer for 15 minutes

Wait the full 15 minutes before reading the test - the test takes time to work! Do not read your test more than 30 minutes after you add the testing liquid as what you see will not be valid.

Pay attention to your swab.

It is important that the tip of the swab only touches the inside of your nose and the inside of the tube of testing liquid.
Your kit may have a stand for the swab to use while you open the testing fluid bottle. If not, ask someone to help you or lean the swab against something, being sure the tip does not touch anything. The example below shows how you can lean the swab on the test kit box.

RAPID TEST KIT BOX