

Medical information

“Tyrol gets tested”.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you very much for taking advantage of the opportunity to take a free coronavirus test under the “Tyrol gets tested” scheme. You are making an important contribution to stopping the spread of the coronavirus in Tyrol. Even though many people who are infected with the virus do not experience any symptoms themselves, they can still infect others. The purpose of “Tyrol gets tested” is to detect and interrupt chains of infection as early as possible.

Please note: if any of the following points apply to you, you will not be able to do a nasopharyngeal swab test. This is for your own safety.

- Difficulty breathing through your nose (e.g., if you have a cold, an injury, polyps, a deviated septum or you recently had surgery in the area)
- Congenital or acquired blood clotting disorder (e.g., if you have haemophilia or are taking blood thinners other than Thrombo ASS)

Before your swab test:

- Please blow your nose.
- You will be sitting down during the swab test. Relax.
- The swab will be inserted into your nose and moved into the cavity between the nose and mouth, where it stays for a few seconds. It will be rotated a few times. This process is very short. It may be unpleasant but is usually pain-free.
- You may feel tears in your eyes, cough or gag. These reactions are normally over very quickly. In rare cases, the sensations may be felt for several hours. Your nasal mucosa may feel irritated and you may have slight difficulties breathing through your nose for a while.
- In extremely rare cases, the nasal mucosa may be injured and painful, and you may experience nosebleeds or inflammation. For the purpose of full disclosure, note that there is a small possibility of injury to the roof of the nasal cavity, which may lead to dysosmia (distortion of your sense of smell) or fainting due to pain.
- If there is any resistance in the nasal passage, the swab test will be aborted.
- An throat swab will not be carried out, as this is not a valid alternative.

If you have any further questions, please contact the competent medical staff.

Thank you very much for your participation.