

COVID-19 Self-test

For information on the self-test in Greek please visit the official website available here <https://self-testing.gov.gr/>. The information below is taken from the Government official website.

The participation of all individuals in the response to the pandemic is crucial. About one in three people who carry the new coronavirus SARS - CoV -2, have no symptoms and transmit it without knowing it. Through the process of self-test with a home test for rapid antigen detection, people protect both their own health as well as the health of their loved ones.

The COVID-19 self-test is obligatory for certain categories of people, as explained below.

If you have taken a home test and tested positive for the new coronavirus, you may have a new test to confirm the former. This can be done either privately or in a public institution (see below) within the next 24 hours.

- For instructions on what to do at home and how to offer care if one of your family members has COVID-19, please go here <https://eody.gov.gr/neos-koronoios-covid-19-odigies-gia-frontida-ypoptoy-kroysmatos-sto-spiti/> (in Greek).
- You can find a list of 108 places in which Mobile Units of EODY will be conducting COVID19 rapid tests for free here <https://eody.gov.gr/komy-testing-eody/>. The Mobile Units will be operational between 10:00 and 15:00 daily.

Frequently asked questions

1) How do I perform the self-test?

A video on how to perform the test can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqy9EtE1uuE> (in Greek).

If you are a student, see the video “The most important test takes places outside the school!”, here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=DOHu3MvSUF0>

2) For whom are the self-tests in schools obligatory?

The self-test is mandatory in the day and evening General Lyceums, in the Vocational Lyceums and in the Lyceum Classes in Gymnasiums with Lyceum Classes for:

- The students
- The teachers/ professors

-The Special Teaching Staff, the Special Auxiliary Staff as well as the members of the administrative and other staff.

In special education schools of all levels that are also open, the self-test is mandatory for teachers, special teaching staff, the special auxiliary staff, administrative and other staff. For students with disabilities or special educational needs, the self-test is recommended to be performed if it is compatible with the degree and type of disability or special educational need of the student.

3) What do I do if I do not have AMKA or PAAYPA or if I am having difficulty identifying my AMKA in the system?

In case you do not have AMKA, temporary AMKA (PAMKA) or PAAYPA or you face difficulties in finding your number in the system, you can visit one of the public institutions here <https://self-testing.gov.gr/eody-stathera-simeia.pdf>.

For finding your PAAYPA, visit the official website here <https://www.amka.gr/have-paaypa/> (available in more languages).

For finding your AMKA, visit the official website here <https://www.amka.gr/AMKAGR/> (in Greek).

4) What applies to children asylum seekers?

In the case of children asylum seekers, parents/ legal guardians may authorize (through an Application - Responsible Declaration) the School Principal or Refugee Education Coordinator to enter the platform self-testing. gov.gr with his/her personal tax codes in order to issue the school card for COVID-19 (for the child).

In the case of unaccompanied children, the staff of the Reception and Identification Center (KYT) or of the Reception Facilities, or of the Shelter where the unaccompanied child stays, may fill in and sign (in handwriting) the COVID-19 school card for the unaccompanied students, in accordance with the template available here <https://self-testing.gov.gr/covid19-school-card-print.pdf> . It is noted that when AMKA is mentioned in the specific template, it should be understood to refer also to the temporary AMKA (PAMKA) as well as to the PAAYPA.

The self-test should be conducted in the presence of the staff of the above-mentioned facilities, in compliance with the instructions in the brochures.

5) How many free tests is each member of the Lyceum educational community entitled to?

For the next two weeks, each member of the Lyceum educational community is entitled to a total of four self-tests, two for each week. The first should have been received before Monday's classes (12 April), while from the same day onwards, students, teachers, members of the Special Teaching Staff, the Special Auxiliary Staff, administrative and other staff of the schools that operate with physical presence of students, will be able to obtain two additional tests in the Pharmacies (two entries will be made in the Platform by pharmacists). Finally, next week they will receive one additional test.

6) Are students allowed to conduct the self-test themselves?

Adult Lyceum students can conduct the self-test on their own. Students between 13 and 18 years old can also conduct the test alone but under the supervision of parents / guardians. For children below 13 years of age, the test will be performed by parents / guardians.

7) How will the self-testing.gov.gr registration Platform work?

Upon entering this Platform, members of the educational community will be able to choose one of the categories:

1. Reporting of result of self-test for COVID-19: Reporting of result for the general population and teachers, members of Special Teaching Staff, the Special Auxiliary Staff, administrative and other staff of the schools.

2. School card for COVID-19: Reporting of results for the issuance of a school card for parents / guardians of students and adult students.

After entering one of the options, personal data is confirmed and then the users state the result of the self-test they performed in order to issue the corresponding document.

8) How should the medical material used for the self-test be disposed after its conduct?

If the test is **negative**, you should dispose of the self-test in the common rubbish bin.

If the test is **positive**, it should again be discarded in the common wastebins, but in two well-closed bags.

Self-test waste is not disposed of in the BLUE RECYCLING BINS and is not disposed of via wastewater.

9) What happens if the self-test result is positive?

If the test is positive, individuals should issue a school card with a positive result (students) or a statement of a positive result (teachers, Special Teaching Staff, the Special Auxiliary Staff, administrative and other staff of the schools).

Moreover, they should take a second test (retest) within 24 hours, either in one of the permanent public institutions proposed, or privately, if they wish, at their own expense.

In case the re-test is positive, the EODY Protocol should be followed. If the re-test is negative, then a relevant certificate is issued by the public institution confirming the negative result. In this case, students, teachers, special teaching staff, special auxiliary staff, administrative and other staff of the schools return to the school unit, showing the above certificate.

10) Where can individuals take the second test (re-test)?

A list with points that will operate in the morning hours from Monday to Friday as well as on Sundays is available here <https://self-testing.gov.gr/eody-stathera-simeia.pdf>; in the list you can see the exact location and working hours. In order to undergo a COVID19 test in these locations, you must submit the relevant certificate from the website self-testing.gov.gr (positive result of the COVID19 self-test). The possibility for the re-test in these public institutions will be available as of Monday, 12 April.

11) If someone has undergone a molecular COVID-19 test or rapid COVID-19 test, does he/she need to do a self-test?

No, if someone has taken a molecular test or rapid test up to 72 hours before school starts on Monday (12 April) or Thursday (15 April), no self-test is required again.

12) If the test result is "invalid" what should I do?

In the rare case of an "invalid" result, you may visit one of the fixed public institutions that appear in the list here <https://self-testing.gov.gr/eody-stathera-simeia.pdf> .

13) Justification of school absences: In case of a positive result in the self-test, how can I justify my/ my child's absences from school, during these 1-2 days until the retest is done?

These absences will not be registered/ taken into consideration upon presentation of the result of the second test (re-test). Re-tests must be conducted within 24 hours, hence the operation of public structures on Sundays.

14) Which students will be allowed to receive self-tests from the pharmacies, demonstrating their students' AMKA?

Students of all ages (both children and adults) who attend day or evening General or Vocational High Schools, as well as students of Special Education Schools of all levels will be allowed to receive self-tests from the pharmacies, demonstrating their students' AMKA.

Especially for evening high school students, the first test was planned to be distributed directly to schools. The tests are delivered to the Principals of these schools within the weekend, who will then notify the students to take the test before the first lesson on Monday afternoon. From the second test and onwards, the test will be taken individually by pharmacies.

15) Should vaccinated teachers / students be tested?

Yes.