

Negative Result:

- Include HIV testing as part of your routine healthcare.
- Remember that using preventive barrier methods consistently and correctly helps prevent the acquisition and transmission of HIV, as well as other sexually transmitted infections (STIs).
- Learn about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a treatment used to prevent HIV.

Schedule your PrEP appointment at centroararat.org



Access this digital version and other downloadable educational resources.

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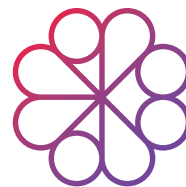
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Rapid HIV Test

Preliminary Positive Result:

- You need to have a confirmatory test. Call 787-296-8888 to schedule an appointment.
- Starting treatment is vital. Effective treatment helps people diagnosed with HIV live long and healthy lives.
- Antiretroviral therapy (ART) reduces the amount of virus in the blood.
- Undetectable equals untransmittable. Having an undetectable viral load means that the amount of virus in the blood is so low that HIV cannot be sexually transmitted.
- Continue using condoms as part of a safer-sex strategy. They also help protect you from other STIs that could affect your health.

Contact us for **more information**.

What is the OraQuick® test and how does it work?

OraQuick® is a second-generation rapid HIV test approved by the **FDA** for at-home use. It does not require a blood sample or shipment to a laboratory for analysis. It uses an oral fluid sample to detect the presence of HIV antibodies in the body. OraQuick® provides results within 20 to 40 minutes and **is recommended for use three (3) months after a possible exposure to the virus.**

A preliminary positive result must be confirmed with a laboratory test.



1st Step

Use the absorbent test device and swab it along your upper and lower gums.



2nd Step

Place the absorbent device in the test tube containing the developer solution.



Once inserted, the liquid mixes and travels up through the test device.



A line will appear next to the “C,” indicating that the test is working correctly. If the line next to the “C” does not appear, the test is invalid.

3rd Step

If only the line next to the “C” appears, it means the test is working properly and no HIV antibodies were detected. **This indicates a negative result.**



If lines appear next to both the “C” and the “T”, the test is working correctly and HIV antibodies have been detected. **This indicates a preliminary positive result.**



This process takes place within 20 to 40 minutes after inserting the absorbent device into the test tube.