WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO DISTRIBUTE COVID HOME TESTS

(Westlake) Beginning Thursday, March 18 Westlake Porter Public Library (WPPL) will begin distributing BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Home Tests through its drive-up window. Those unable to pick up a test during regular library hours may contact the library to arrange for a test kit to be left in an after-hours locker. WPPL also has RTA passes to hand out to anyone who needs one to get to a vaccination appointment.

Anyone seeking a test who is feeling sick or showing COVID symptoms should send someone else to pick up a test for them. Users must have a smartphone and a computer with a webcam and internet access to administer the at-home test.

The State of Ohio has partnered with Abbott and eMed to bring rapid, reliable testing into the home where the result is delivered in minutes. The Ohio Department of Health has secured the purchase of at least 2 million tests that can be self-administered
outside of a clinical setting. It is Governor DeWine’s goal to make these tests available and accessible in every Ohio county.

The 15-minute BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Home Test has received FDA Emergency Use Authorization for at-home testing in collaboration with a telehealth session. Abbott has selected eMed, a digital health solution, as its telehealth partner. This service for COVID-19 testing prescribes and allows the test to be done rapidly at home with virtual instruction and consultation. A trained telehealth professional guides those being tested through the at-home self-test via video call using the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Home Test and Abbott’s complementary NAVICA mobile app to enable the testing process and display BinaxNOW COVID-19 test results.


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