

# ADVICE ON THE USE OF MULTIPLEX ANTIGEN NEAR- PATIENT TESTS FOR ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

## HIQA published advice

on the use of multiplex antigen near-patient tests to detect respiratory tract infections, such as COVID-19, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus in residential and primary care settings in Ireland.

## MULTIPLEX ANTIGEN NEAR-PATIENT TESTS



are tests conducted by healthcare professionals that look for several viruses at once.

## HIQA found

that while multiplex antigen tests may be quick, cheap and easy to perform.



## HIQA advised

that studies need to be carried out to assess the diagnostic performance and clinical utility of multiplex antigen near-patient tests before further decisions on their use in primary and residential care settings can be made.

## For multiplex antigen tests



the evidence was limited, and the advantages, disadvantages, feasibility and acceptability of their use in residential and primary care settings remain unknown.