

**Social Posts: How to spot a fake at-home COVID test**

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Social Media Content for How to Spot a Fake At-Home COVID Test

With COVID-19 cases surging across the United States, at-home COVID tests have been difficult to find. As a result, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have seen an increase of fake tests being sold online.

Consider using the following social posts to educate consumers on spotting a fake at-home COVID test.

Social posts can be found in [Teams](https://mytrinityhealth.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/MarCommEnterpriseTeamTHO365/Shared%20Documents/Social%20Media%20Collaborative/Graphics?csf=1&web=1&e=hN9viF) or on the [COVID-19 Resource Page](https://www.trinity-health.org/covid-19-resources/).

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