

Announcement of the Ministry of Health on the release of positive COVID-19 cases

As part of the efforts to better serve citizens who are positive to coronavirus, the Ministry of Health informs that virus-positive cases may be released **earlier than 10 days**, provided that they have a negative rapid antigen test result from predefined points indicated by the Ministry of Health **and provided that they do not have any active virus symptoms.**

It is stressed that virus-positive individuals are released on the same day of the test. Specifically, after receiving the result of the examination via a message, the release message is sent and citizens can issue the European Recovery Certificate via the portal <https://www.eudcc.gov.cy/> after 30 minutes.

It should be recalled that:

- On the 6th day of self-isolation, virus-positive individuals will be notified by means of a text message of the predefined place and time for the Rapid test **on 7th-10th day**.
- The date of laboratory diagnosis of the case **is considered as day zero (counting begins the next day)**.
- **Only laboratory tests carried out at the predefined locations of the Ministry of Health will be recognized as valid for release purposes before day 10.** (Individuals who do not follow the above procedure will be able to be released automatically on the basis of the procedure in force on day 10).
- When carrying out the test for release, the same identification data, which were declared at the time of registration on the platform for positive cases, should be provided **(identification document, date of birth and telephone number) in order to avoid technical problems and delays in release.**
- If the result is positive, the individual is able to repeat the test procedure **on the 8th, 9th and 10th day, by visiting the same location, as was indicated by the Ministry of Health on day 6 or to self-isolate until the 10th day, on which he/she will be released on day 11 without a further test.**

It is stressed that all social distance and protection measures (double surgical mask, or type KN95 or FFP2 protective mask) must be applied at the testing locations.

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