



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



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FDA ADVISORY
No. **20220017**

TO: ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Public Health Warning Against the Purchase and Use of the Uncertified Self-Administered COVID-19 Test Kit “ARIA SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Colloidal Gold Immunochromatography)”

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warns all healthcare professionals and the general public **NOT TO PURCHASE AND USE** the uncertified self-administered COVID-19 test kit:



**No more stepping into a lab.
Test in the comfort of your home.**

- ✓ guided by a health professional
- ✓ result in 15 minutes
- ✓ inclusive of health certification
- ✓ painless nasal swab

**NOW AVAILABLE IN SELECT
MERCURY DRUG STORES NEAR YOU!**

Manila | Quezon City | Mandaluyong | Antipolo | San Juan | Marikina
Caloocan | Pasig | Rizal | Pasay | Parañaque | Las Piñas | Dasmariñas | General Trias
Laguna | Meycauayan



Figure 1. Uncertified Self-Administered COVID-19 Test Kit “ARIA SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Colloidal Gold Immunochromatography)”

The FDA verified through post-marketing surveillance that the abovementioned Self-Administered COVID-19 test kit is not certified and no corresponding Special Certification has been issued. Pursuant to the Republic Act No. 9711, otherwise known as the "Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009", the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, transfer, non-consumer use, promotion, advertising or sponsorship of health products without the proper authorization is prohibited.

Since this uncertified self-administered COVID-19 test kit has not gone through evaluation process of the FDA, the agency cannot assure its quality and safety.

All concerned establishments are warned not to distribute, advertise, or sell the said violative COVID-19 test kit until the FDA Special Certificate is issued, otherwise, regulatory actions and sanctions shall be strictly pursued. Always check if a product has been certified with the FDA before purchasing it by making use of the embedded Search feature of the FDA website accessible at www.fda.gov.ph.

All Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and Local Government Units (LGUs) are requested to ensure that this product is not sold or made available in the market or areas of jurisdiction.

The Bureau of Customs is urged to restrain the entry of this uncertified product.

For more information and inquiries about this advisory, kindly contact the FDA CDRRHR through e-mail at cdrrhr@fda.gov.ph indicating on the subject the concerned Advisory, or call **(02) 8857-1900 loc. 8301**.

To report any sale or distribution of unregistered/uncertified COVID-19 test kit, contact the online reporting facility **eReport** through e-mail at ereport@fda.gov.ph.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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