

Another day another visit to Bookarts Bookshop, just north of Old Street tube, in Hoxton. Upon completing my second successful raid in less than a week, I was strolling along the broad pedestrian plaza across from the station, when approached by people who looked like they were giving away free samples. I rebuffed the first such approach, but then something caught my eye, and I actually sought out the next person. They were handing out "Lateral Flow" COVID antigen tests. These are the DIY take at home and get results in 15 minutes tests to which the UK has pivoted in an effort to beat back the recent surge here.

**Flowflex**<sup>TM</sup> REF L031-118Y5

## SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test (Self-Testing)

**Contents:**

- 7 Test Cassettes
- 7 Extraction Buffer Tubes
- 7 Disposable Swabs
- 7 Waste Bags
- 1 Extraction Buffer Tube Holder
- 1 Instructions for Use

**7 Tests**

Supplied by NHS Test and Trace  
Not for resale  
Please read instructions carefully  
Report your results to the NHS

**COVID-19 Self-Test**  
A rapid test for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid antigens in anterior nasal swab specimens.  
For *in vitro* diagnostic use only. For self-testing.  
The product has not been made with natural rubber latex.

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Handing them out for free, on the street. I took one, or should I say seven, since there's a week's worth in this box. "Don't you want a second? I've got more here in my sack." No, I replied, not necessary; I'm already scheduled for a PCR test next Friday. Free medical testing during a pandemic, who'd have thunk...