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TGA approved Australia's First Combined Triple Rapid Antigen Test for RSV, Flu A/B, and COVID

- A new TGA-approved rapid antigen test will add Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) to the list of viruses Australians can self-test for with a single swab.
- The self-testing nasal swab diagnoses three different viruses accurately within 15 minutes.
- Developed by Touch Biotechnology, the combination test is available now and will help combat the spread of COVID-19, Influenzas A and B and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: As Australia heads into flu season, health experts are warning the public about the looming 'Triple Threat Virus'. The risk of severe illness due to the flu, COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) co-infections is a growing concern. However, Australians can now self-test for all three following the Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA) approval of a new Triple Combo Rapid Antigen Test.

Resembling a mild cold, RSV can cause breathing and lung problems like bronchiolitis and pneumonia. Concerningly, it is very infectious and largely effects over 65s with vulnerable immune systems² and children under three years are at the highest risk of serious illness.³

In response to the growing concern for co-infections and to help protect vulnerable community members, Australian-based developer and manufacturer, Touch Biotechnology, has released the First TGA-approved multi-virus diagnostic testing kits in the Australian market ([ARTG Number: 408459](#)). This cutting-edge diagnostic solution will empower people to take control of their health by providing unparalleled convenience, sensitivity, and accuracy in detecting RSV, Flu A/B, and COVID-19 infections at home.

Akin to the RAT tests we've become accustomed to, the Triple Combo Test boasts a sensitivity rate for all three viruses and an accuracy rate of over 98%. Utilising a similar process, through a single nasal swab, results are available within 15 minutes, allowing users to obtain accurate and timely information about their health status.

Australians are recommended to take a Triple Combo Rapid Antigen Test for RSV, Flu, and COVID-19 when they feel unwell, have any symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has these viruses. The RSV, Flu A/B, and Covid Rapid Antigen Test for Self-Testing will be available to purchase at retail stores and online. For more information, please visit: www.touchaustralia.com.au

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Founded in 2020 in Sydney, Australia, Touch Biotechnology is one of the leading manufacturers and developers of advanced antimicrobial protection solutions and rapid in-vitro antigen tests. It is dedicated to developing solutions that are evidently effective, and continually demonstrates a commitment to building products that have a positive impact on human lives, while remaining socially and environmentally responsible.

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