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BD announces CE Mark of rapid POC Ag test for SARS-CoV-2

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BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) has announced its rapid, point-of-care (POC), SARS-CoV-2 antigen test for use on the BD Veritor™ Plus System has been CE marked to the IVD Directive (98/79/EC).

The new test delivers results in 15 minutes on an easy-to-use, portable instrument, which is a critical improvement in turnaround time for COVID-19 diagnostics, because it provides real-time results and enables decision-making while the patient is still onsite.

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“Availability of the SARS-CoV-2 assay on the BD Veritor™ Plus System in Europe builds on our molecular test on the BD MAX™ System that has been available since March,” said Roland Goette, president of BD EMEA Region. “The addition of a truly portable, point-of-care test that can deliver results while the patient waits will be welcomed by health care providers and patients alike to help protect against additional waves of COVID-19.”

BD is leveraging its global manufacturing network and scale to produce 8 million SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests per month by October and expects to produce 12 million tests per month by March 2021.