

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.



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...