

COVID-19 Over-the-Counter (OTC) tests

As of April 4, 2022, Medicare covers up to 8 over-the-counter COVID-19 tests each calendar month, at no cost to you. This coverage continues until the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) ends. Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) will cover these tests if you have Part B. If you are in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you won't get this benefit through your plan, but will get it like you would if you weren't enrolled in the plan. You might need to show your red, white, and blue Medicare card to get your free over-the-counter COVID-19 tests (even if you have another card for a Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Part D plan).

How many over-the-counter tests can I get at no cost?

Each person with Medicare Part B can get up to 8 free over-the-counter tests for the month of April any time before April 30, and can then get another set of 8 free over-the-counter tests for each calendar month that follows until the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

You won't have to pay as long as you go to an eligible pharmacy or health care provider that participates in this initiative. However, if you get more than the 8 covered over-the-counter COVID-19 tests in any calendar month, you will be responsible for the costs of the additional tests that calendar month. This means that the pharmacy or health care provider might ask you to pay for them. There may be more than 1 test per box, so 8 tests may come in fewer than 8 boxes.

Medicare won't cover over-the-counter COVID-19 tests if you only have Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) coverage, but you may be able to get free tests through other programs or insurance coverage you may have.

How do I get these tests?

You can get the covered tests at any participating eligible pharmacy or health care provider at no cost to you, even if you aren't a current customer or patient.

The following is a partial list* of pharmacies participating in the Medicare COVID-19 Over-the-Counter (OTC) tests initiative. Go to the pharmacy website or call the relevant pharmacy for details on participating locations and how to order.

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www.albertsons.com/pharmacy

Order via in-person or phone

- **Costco Pharmacy**

To find a local warehouse, select "Locations" on costco.com, and enter a city and state, or ZIP code.

Select "Store Details," then "Pharmacy" for the hours and phone number.

Order via in-person

- **CVS**

877-342-8438

<https://www.cvs.com/shop/content/at-home-covid-tests-education?icid=cvs-home-hero1-link3-at-home-covid-tests>

Order via in-store

- **Food Lion**

<https://www.foodlion.com/departments/pharmacy/>

Order via in-person, phone

- **The Giant Company**

<https://giantfoodstores.com/pharmacy>

Order via in-person, phone

- **Giant Food**

<https://giantfood.com/pharmacy>

Order via in-person, phone

- **Hannaford Pharmacies**

<https://www.hannaford.com/locations?refinebyPharmacy=Y>

Order via in-person, phone

- **H-E-B Pharmacy**

800-811-8260

<https://www.heb.com/store-locations>

Order in person

- **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**

(800) 772-4098

www.hy-vee.com

Order via in person

- **Kroger Family of Pharmacies**

<https://www.krogerhealth.com/find-pharmacy>

Order via in-person and online

- **Rite Aid Corp.**

<https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>

Available in-store or online

- **Stop & Shop**

<https://stopandshop.com/pharmacy>

Order via in-person, phone

- **Walgreens**

800-925-4733

[Walgreens.com/COVIDtesting](https://www.walgreens.com/COVIDtesting)

Order via in-store

- **Walmart**

1-800-WALMART

https://www.walmart.com/browse/health/covid-testing-kits/976760_1005860_542089_3092061

*Only the In-Store options are eligible for Medicare beneficiaries.

Order via In-Person at the Pharmacy Counter

Looking for a pharmacy that is not listed above?

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). to find access to free tests. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.
- Check with your pharmacy or healthcare provider to see if they are participating and will bill Medicare on your behalf.

* This is a **partial** list of organizations that have committed to participating in the new COVID-19 over-the-counter test initiative for people with Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance). If you are a pharmacy participating in the initiative and would like to be listed on this page, email Partnership@cms.hhs.gov.

<https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus#300>