

Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests: Frequently Asked Questions

Partnership HealthPlan of California members can get up to 4 over-the-counter COVID-19 tests every 30 days at no cost, from pharmacies that accept Medi-Cal.



What COVID-19 tests are covered?

A list of covered tests can be found here:

[Contracted COVID-19 Antigen Over-the-Counter Tests.](#)

Will I have to pay for my at-home COVID-19 tests?

No, if you get an at-home COVID-19 test from a pharmacy that accepts Medi-Cal, you should get it at no cost.

Where can I get an at-home COVID-19 test?

You can get an at-home COVID-19 test at any pharmacy that accepts Medi-Cal.

Can I just grab the test off the shelf and go to the cashier?

No, you must pick up the test at the pharmacy counter so they can bill your insurance.

Are there any limits to how many at-home COVID-19 tests I can get?

You may get up to 4 FDA-approved, over-the-counter COVID-19 tests every 30 days for each member in your household who has Medi-Cal. This limit can be increased if your medical provider puts in a prior authorization to show why you need more than 4 tests in 30 days.

What counts as 4 COVID-19 tests?

Each test counts as a single one. So, if you get a package with 2 tests, it counts as 2.

Do I have to get all at-home COVID-19 tests at the same time?

No, the tests can be picked up at any time, up to 4 tests every 30 days.

How long will I be able to get these tests?

You will be able to get these tests until Partnership is notified of a policy change by the California Department of Health Care Services.

If I do not get tests one month, can I get more the next month (like 8 tests in one month)?

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No, you cannot get more than 4 tests in 30 days.

Can I use these tests for my employer-mandated testing?

No, these tests should not be used for employment purposes. Please ask your employer for their COVID-19 testing guidelines.

What if I cannot find an at-home COVID-19 test, and I need to be tested?

If there is a shortage of at-home COVID-19 tests at your pharmacy, you may call other pharmacies that accept Medi-Cal in your area to see if they have tests in stock. [Use the Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Locator](#) to find pharmacies in your area. You can also ask your provider's office how you can get tested.