

Over the counter COVID-19 Tests



Starting January 19, 2022, individuals can request 4 free rapid antigen home tests per household from the federal government at [covidtest.gov](https://www.covidtest.gov).

To find in person testing locations in California, you may visit www.tinyurl.com/ca-covidtest.

In addition, ACWA JPIA health plans will cover the cost of over the counter (OTC) COVID-19 antigen tests, beginning January 15, 2022. These tests are available for purchase online or in certain retail stores and pharmacies. Information is evolving rapidly as health plans and pharmacies work toward being set up to process these claims.

This is what we know at this time:

- FDA-authorized or approved OTC COVID-19 at-home test kits will be covered from January 15, 2022 through the end of the declared public health emergency.
- There is a limit of 8 covered tests per month (or 30 days) per participant. Enrolled dependents are counted separately. A pair of tests in one box counts as two tests. This does not otherwise limit coverage of COVID-19 tests administered or prescribed by your health care providers.
- These tests will be covered without involvement from a healthcare provider. This is a change since you were generally required to go through a healthcare provider before.
- To be eligible for coverage, at-home COVID tests must be purchased by the participant or a covered dependent for personal use and not for resale.
- These tests are intended for diagnostic or treatment purposes and are not intended for employment-related purposes such as workplace screenings.
- These tests will be covered under the pharmacy benefit. Anthem PPO/CDHP pharmacy benefit is managed by MedImpact.
- Pharmacies and health plans are working on getting their systems set up to process claims at the point of sale. In the meantime, you will need to pay out of pocket for a test, save the receipt, and possibly the bar code from the box, and submit a claim for reimbursement.
- Out of network reimbursement may be limited to \$12 per test, or \$24 per boxed pair.

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Kaiser Permanente Members

As the supply of tests increases, Kaiser will make more rapid antigen home tests available to members directly. To submit a claim for tests purchased login at kp.org. Visit Kaiser's [COVID-19 testing FAQs](#) or kp.org/coronavirus for the most up-to-date information.

Anthem Blue Cross HMO Members

You can order OTC home tests from Anthem using the Sydney app or by logging in at www.anthem.com/ca. To submit a claim for tests purchased, Select Claims & Payments, then select Submit a Claim. You will need to upload a copy of your receipt.

Anthem Blue Cross PPO/CDHP Members (MedImpact)

To submit a claim for tests purchased, complete a [MedImpact claim form](#). We are waiting to learn which fields will be required on this form. You may contact MedImpact at (888) 728-5056 for further information.

Because the information and requirements surrounding COVID-19 are ever changing, the insurance carriers' customer service phone numbers and websites are the best resource for up-to-date information.