

## Over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 testing

### What are OTC COVID-19 tests?

Test kits that do not require a doctor's order or a lab to read the results are considered to be OTC. Beginning Jan. 15, 2022, there will be a \$0 cost share for up to eight individual OTC COVID-19 tests per member per 30 days.

This applies to all fully insured and self-funded groups that use BCBSNE's pharmacy benefits manager, Prime Therapeutics, as well as individual health plan members. This does not apply to Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement or Medicare Part D members.

### Eligible OTC COVID-19 tests

Visit [NebraskaBlue.com/COVID](https://NebraskaBlue.com/COVID) to view the current list of eligible OTC COVID-19 tests. Only these tests are eligible for reimbursement. Tests purchased prior to Jan. 15, 2022, are not eligible for reimbursement.

### Tests from preferred pharmacies

Our pharmacy benefits manager, Prime Therapeutics, has established a preferred network of pharmacies to support members in obtaining at home tests without member cost share. This network includes approximately 65,000 pharmacies nationwide. These preferred pharmacies can bill OTC COVID-19 tests directly to your insurance, resulting in no cost to you.\*

- [View the list of all participating pharmacies.](#)
- [View the list of participating Nebraska pharmacies.](#)

\*Some pharmacies may not yet be able to bill your insurance directly for OTC COVID-19 tests. Members should check with their pharmacy on its policies regarding OTC COVID-19 tests. If pharmacies are not able to support direct billing, please keep your receipt and use the [Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Test Claim Form](#) to request reimbursement.

### Tests from non-preferred pharmacies, online retailers or retail stores

Tests purchased from a non-preferred pharmacy, online retailer or retail store can be submitted for reimbursement through the pharmacy paper claims process for OTC COVID-19 tests. These claims will be reimbursed at a maximum of \$12 per individual OTC COVID-19 test. For example, a box that includes two tests would be reimbursed at a maximum of \$24. Shipping and tax are not reimbursable.

### To request reimbursement for an OTC COVID-19 test:

1. Purchase an [eligible OTC COVID-19 test](#).
2. Complete the [Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Test Claim Form](#).
3. Mail your completed claim form and receipt to:  
Prime Therapeutics  
Mail route Commercial  
PO 25136  
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-5136

Free tests are also available to order at [CovidTests.gov](https://CovidTests.gov).

Please note: COVID-19 testing for public surveillance or employment purposes is not covered. This includes testing for work, school, travel and other public surveillance reasons, unless reimbursement becomes required by law.