



## COVID19 Testing Options

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### 1. [COVID-19 Community Testing Sites](#)

<https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/community-testing.jsp>

Minnesota is offering low-barrier, no-cost COVID-19 testing in Minnesota communities.

#### **No-Cost, Low-Barrier Testing**

Walk-ins are welcome at Minnesota's Community Testing Program sites. We strongly encourage you to sign up for an appointment using the registration link listed with each location. Signing up ahead of time helps avoid long lines and makes social distancing easier.

All costs for this test are covered by your insurance company or the federal or state government. Do not pay your insurance company or the testing provider for your COVID-19 test. There is no cost to you for this test. Insurance companies may send you an Explanation of Benefits or "EOB" showing the difference between the billed cost of this COVID test and what they have paid. It may even say that a portion is "patient responsibility." This is simply for your information. It is not a bill, and you should NOT pay anything. The testing company, Vault Health, accepts what your insurance pays as full payment.

Testing is available to anyone who believes they need a COVID-19 test, with or without insurance. Participants will be asked for their health insurance information so the state can bill their insurance company on their behalf. If a person is uninsured or for any reason insurance does not cover some or all of the cost, the state will cover the difference so testing remains available at no cost to everyone.

**All tests at the state's community testing sites are polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests, molecular tests that detect the virus's genetic material. PCR tests are the most accurate tests for detecting the virus that causes COVID-19. A positive PCR test result is considered a confirmed case of COVID-19.**

You do not need to show identification to receive a COVID-19 test at a Community Testing Program site.

City	Address	Test Type	Hours	To schedule an appointment:
Bloomington Former DMV	9930 Logan Avenue South	Saliva	Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<a href="https://mncovidtestingappt.as.me">mncovidtestingappt.as.me</a>

<b>Brooklyn Park</b>	Starlite Center, 8085 Brooklyn Blvd	Saliva	7 days a week Weekdays: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Weekends: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	<a href="https://mncovidtestingappt.as.me">mncovidtestingappt.as.me</a>
<b>Lino Lakes</b> Former YMCA	7690 Village Drive	Saliva	Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (beginning September 13)	<a href="https://mncovidtestingappt.as.me">mncovidtestingappt.as.me</a>
<b>Minneapolis</b>	Minneapolis Convention Center 1301 Second Avenue South	Saliva	Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<a href="https://mncovidtestingappt.as.me">mncovidtestingappt.as.me</a>
<b>MSP Airport</b>	Terminal 1, 4300 Glumack Dr. (follow signs to the testing site on Level 2 of the Blue Ramp) Saint Paul	Saliva	7 days a week 7 am - 7 pm every day  <i>Parking will be available for all seeking a COVID-19 test. Just follow the signs at Terminal 1.</i>	<a href="https://mncovidtestingappt.as.me">mncovidtestingappt.as.me</a>
<b>St. Cloud Armory</b>	St. Cloud Armory, 1710 Veterans Drive St. Cloud, MN 56303	Saliva	Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<a href="https://mncovidtestingappt.as.me">mncovidtestingappt.as.me</a>
<b>St. Paul</b>	Roy Wilkins Auditorium, 175 West Kellogg Fourth Ave South	Saliva	Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	<a href="https://mncovidtestingappt.as.me">mncovidtestingappt.as.me</a>

## 2. [COVID-19 Test at Home](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html)

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Minnesota and Vault Medical Services have teamed up to offer at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for everyone who lives in Minnesota, with or without symptoms, at no cost.

### **Order an at-home test at no cost**

[Vault: No-Cost COVID Testing For All Minnesotans](#)

You can check the status of your test kit by logging into the Vault website. Typically Vault saliva test kits ship within a day of receiving the order. Note that shipping and delivery does not happen on Sundays or holidays. If you need a test immediately, visit [Find Testing Locations](#) for in-person options.

You can receive up to two COVID-19 Vault saliva test kits at the same time and there is no limit to the number of at-home saliva test kits you can order over time. Once your test arrives, please take the test and send it in as soon as possible.

This saliva test is just as accurate as the nasal swab test. It checks whether you have COVID-19 right now and can spread it to others. It is not an antibody test that looks for whether you have had COVID-19 in the past.

**DO NOT pay your insurance company or the testing provider for your COVID test - there is NO COST to you for the test.**

All costs for this test are covered by your insurance company or the federal or state government. Insurance companies may send you an Explanation of Benefits or "EOB" showing the difference between the billed cost of this COVID test and what they have paid. It may even say that a portion is "patient responsibility." This is simply for your

information. It is NOT a bill, and you do not need to pay anything. The testing company, Vault, accepts what your insurance pays as full payment.

#### About the test

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- **Saliva tests are provided to all Minnesotans at no cost**, whether or not you have insurance.
  - **If you have insurance, you will need to provide your information** so your insurance company can pay for your test. If your insurance does not pay for COVID-19 tests or does not pay enough, the state will cover the cost. If you do not have insurance, the state will pay for your test. Do not pay your insurance company or the testing provider for your COVID test.
  - **Do not enter your credit card information on the Vault website.** If you are asked for this information, please close out of your browser and click the ordering link above to try again. You may need to open the link in a new private or incognito browser. Vault also provides paid tests nationally, so it's important for Minnesotans to access the site through the above link to ensure they can get tests at no cost. If you have been charged for a test, please send an email to [testathome.mdh@state.mn.us](mailto:testathome.mdh@state.mn.us).
- **Both adults and children can use these tests**, though they may not work well for children under age 4, who may not have enough saliva. An adult 18 or older must request a test for a child. Currently, a unique email address and account is required for each person who needs a test. This may mean that you have to create a new email for each of your minor children and household family members.
- **Saliva testing may not be right for those with low saliva production**, such as young children or someone who has suffered a stroke.

For more information and instructions on how to administer the test, please visit:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>

### 3. [Free COVID-19 Testing for Ages 3+ at Select Walgreens Locations](https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid_vanity_testing)

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Walgreens is offering free, contactless COVID-19 testing for patients age 3 and up at select locations, in partnership with the PWNHealth provider network.\* Please visit

[https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid\\_vanity\\_testing](https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid_vanity_testing) to learn more and find a location.

### 4. [Purchase an over-the-counter testing kit from Walgreens \(instore or online\)](#)

[Abbott's BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Self Test](#) (2 tests for \$23.99)

[Everlywell COVID-19 Test Home Collection Kit](#) (\$109)

[QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test Kit](#) (2 tests for \$23.99)

[Pixel by Labcorp™ COVID-19 PCR Test](#) (\$124.99)

Although all feature the short nasal swab method of testing, customers can use Abbott and QuickVue's rapid self-test for results in under 15 minutes, or choose between Everlywell and Pixel by Labcorp's laboratory-tested options, which include free shipping and results under 48 hours once self-collected samples are received by the labs.

In addition to being available in store, the tests can be purchased at [Walgreens.com](https://www.walgreens.com), for curbside pickup or [same-day delivery](#) where available. Customers do not need to fill out any questionnaires about symptoms or recent travel to purchase a test.

## **5. Schedule a test at your local pharmacy, hospital or clinic.**

Be sure to contact your health insurance company before scheduling your appointment to know what costs are or are not covered. For assistance locating a clinic, hospital or pharmacy, please visit: <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/index.jsp>

## **6. [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Testing](#)**