Student Health Benefits
University of Minnesota

A couple of options are available if you are looking for an at-home COVID-19 test.

First: Every home in the United States is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. Ordering is easy through COVIDtests.gov. Their website indicates orders usually ship in 7-12 days.

Second: Rapid COVID-19 tests purchased on or after January 15, 2022, will be covered by health insurers for a limited time. Therefore, health plan members on the Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP), Graduate Assistant Health Plan (GAHP), or Residents/Fellows/Interns Health Plan (RFI) may purchase at-home COVID-19 tests and Prime Therapeutics (the Pharmacy Benefit Manager) will cover the cost upfront or reimburse the member. However, before purchasing a test through your health insurance, please make sure you are familiar with the terms.

Detailed information about the at-home test coverage can be found at the Blue Cross of MN website. For your convenience, several of the relevant frequently asked questions concerning coverage have been provided below.

Does Blue Cross cover at-home rapid COVID-19 test kits?
Yes. Beginning January 15, 2022, and continuing through the end of the COVID-19 federal public health emergency, Blue Cross will cover the cost of a limited number of at-home rapid COVID-19 tests.

NOTE: free coverage for at-home COVID-19 tests will discontinue when the federal public health emergency ends. Additionally, because all health plans in the United States currently cover the tests supplies may be limited.

Will I need to pay for my test up-front?
No. In order to receive an at-home test at no cost, bring the test kit to the pharmacy counter (not the front registers) and show your member ID card.

Note: If you are unable to apply your pharmacy benefits for direct coverage at the pharmacy counter and have paid up-front for at-home test kits, you can still submit a manual form for reimbursement. See the FAQ below for directions.

Is there a limit to the number of tests that will be covered under this benefit?

Yes. Blue Cross will cover up to eight tests every 30 days, per member.

If I do purchase at-home rapid tests on my own, how can I be reimbursed?

As of January 15, 2022, health plan members may be reimbursed for up to $12 per test ($24 per two-pack kit) for at-home rapid tests purchased. Complete and submit the

appropriate at-home rapid test reimbursement claim form (linked below) in order to receive your reimbursement. Claims must be submitted within 12 months of the purchase date.

Complete all **applicable*** parts of this reimbursement form (PDF) and send it along with itemized receipts to:

Prime Therapeutics
Mail route Commercial
P.O. Box 25136
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-5136

***Note: For at-home COVID-19 test reimbursements** -

- Leave the RX# blank
- Leave Physician NPI number blank
- Enter the UPC in the NDC space if they do not have an NDC number
- Member must sign the form in the space under the Prescription (Rx) claim information section

For further questions about the at-home COVID tests, coverage, and reimbursement, please contact Blue Cross Blue Shield directly at 651-662-5004.

Thank you,

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