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HTC Campus Community,

Beginning March 29, Minnesotans are able to [order two test kits](#) (for a total of four tests) per home through an online ordering system. Minnesota has secured 500,000 test kits (for a total of 1 million at-home tests) and the program will be available until all the test kits are ordered. Minnesota will use this program as a model for providing more access to COVID-19 rapid testing in the months ahead.

The State of Minnesota's at-home PCR testing program through Vault Health ended on March 31. Minnesotans who have Vault PCR tests at home will be able to use them until they expire, or until December 31, 2022, whichever is first.

How To Get a Test

Minnesotans also have other options to access COVID-19 testing:

- Through the federal government, Minnesotans can order free rapid at-home tests at [CovidTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). Food banks, local public health agencies, community groups, and other community health organizations may also have free tests available.
- Costs for over-the-counter at-home COVID-19 tests are now required to be covered by health plans offered by insurance companies, employers, and groups under actions taken by the Biden Administration. In some circumstances, Minnesotans can receive free tests by showing their insurance card at a store. Minnesotans should check with their health plan prior to purchasing at-home tests to ensure they are following the steps necessary to have costs covered.
- Anyone can walk in or schedule an appointment for a test at one of the state's free [COVID-19 Community Testing sites](#) or find a testing option near them through the state's [Find Testing Locations map](#).

Stay Well. Stay Healthy.

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