



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG

Pastoral Center

TO: All Pastors, Principals and Business Managers
FROM: Joe Loeber, Executive Director Human Resources
SUBJECT: Over-the-counter (OTC) at-home COVID-19 test kits
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Please share this information with your benefits eligible employees.

As you may have seen in the news, insurance companies are now required to cover the costs of home test kits. We will be utilizing our pharmacy provider, Optum, to administer this for us. Information on this is attached.

It is important to keep in mind that even though there is no cost to you, the Diocese Health Plan is self-funded and all costs for this come out of the premiums paid into the plan by all of us. So we are asking that everyone be good stewards of our resources and only request home tests **as needed** and only for you and your family's use.

You also still have access to the COVID van that travels around the Diocese. Those costs are covered by the plan and there is no cost to you for that service.

A further alternative solution to consider is the federal government's COVID-19 Test Kit through the US Postal Service: **special.usps.com** (limit is one kit (4 tests) per residential address).

Thanks for your cooperation and please stay safe.

Over-the-counter (OTC) at-home COVID-19 test kits

Find out which tests are covered and how to get them at little or no cost to you.

You have three options for coverage of OTC at-home COVID-19 test kits:

1. **Pay \$0 at a preferred network pharmacy:** Visit a **Walmart** or **Rite Aid** pharmacy and simply go to the pharmacy counter, present your member ID card, and ask to have your OTC at-home COVID-19 test kits submitted to your plan for coverage.
2. **Purchase a kit and then submit an electronic form for reimbursement:** You can also purchase an OTC at-home COVID-19 test kit at other stores or online retailers. Keep your purchase receipt(s) to submit for reimbursement. To receive the quickest possible reimbursement of up to \$12 per test, submit an electronic claim form by visiting optumrx.com/testinfo.
3. **Purchase a kit and then print and mail in a paper reimbursement form:** If you prefer to submit your claim by mail, you can print a form at optumrx.com/testinfo and then mail it in. Reimbursement applies up to \$12 per test. Please note: you will receive reimbursement more quickly if you submit an electronic claim.

Which COVID-19 tests are covered?

Coverage includes OTC at-home COVID-19 test kits authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The most common tests are BinaxNOW™, Flowflex™, IntelliSwab™, On/Go™ and QuickVue®.

Is there a limit to how many tests will be covered?

Yes. Covered members can get up to 8 individual tests per month, e.g., a family of 4 would be eligible for 32 tests a month.

Visit optumrx.com/testinfo for the latest updates and information.

Thank you.