

# COVID-19 Resources in York County, PA

## About COVID-19 Tests



There are two types of COVID-19 tests. Both require swabbing the back of the nose, throat, or both:

- an **antigen test** is a “rapid” test and is sold over-the-counter. Results come in 15 to 60 minutes and are about 60-75% accurate. Best if testing takes place within the first 1-3 days of symptoms or known exposure.
- a **PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test** gets sent out to a laboratory. Results will come in 2 to 14 days and are over 90% accurate. The "gold standard."

## Testing At Home:



**Get free at home tests by mail:** The federal government has purchased rapid tests for distribution. Requests start January 19, 2022 on [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). Request 100% free mail delivery of up to four at-home tests. Shipping starts 7-12 days after a request is received.



**Get free at home tests at a pharmacy:** Insurance providers are now [required to cover the costs of at-home COVID-19 tests](#). You may pay nothing, or you may need to ask for a reimbursement check from your insurance company. An individual store may restrict the number of tests a person may purchase at one time. An insurer may restrict the number of tests it will pay for at one time.

## Testing On Site:



Visit [vaccinateyorkpa.org/#COVID19](https://vaccinateyorkpa.org/#COVID19) for info on testing sites in York County, PA, or visit the PA Department of Health website at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/> for testing availability statewide.

## About COVID-19 Vaccines

With over 9.3 billion vaccine doses given worldwide, COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be safe and effective at preventing severe illness due to COVID-19 infection.

Frequent handwashing, mask-wearing, and physical distancing are all helpful at avoiding disease, and should continue, but the vaccine gives individuals active defense against infection.

### Cost:



There is no cost for the vaccine, and insurance is not required.

### Find a COVID-19 vaccine site:



Visit [vaccines.gov/search](https://vaccines.gov/search) or [vaccinateyorkpa.org](https://vaccinateyorkpa.org)



Text your 5-digit ZIP code to 438829 for sites near you



Call 1-800-232-0233 for sites near you



Ask at your regular pharmacy or healthcare provider. Many are providing COVID-19 vaccines and tests.

### Transportation Assistance:



**RabbitTransit** call: 1-800-632-9063. Set vaccine appointment first, then call *no later than noon the day before* to schedule a ride share. Masks are required.



**Uber** is donating rides to and from vaccine appointments. Find availability at <https://www.uber.com/us/en/coronavirus/>

**Lyft** is also providing free or low-cost rides to and from vaccine appointments. Find availability at <https://www.lyft.com/vaccine-access>

### Homebound Assistance:

Contact these services to see if they offer in-home COVID-19 vaccinations:

- Your doctor or health care provider
- Medicare hotline: 1-800-633-4227 (TTY 1-877-486-2048)
- PA Department of Health [Vaccine Homebound \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov/vaccine-homebound)  
PACE Call Center: 1-800-225-7223, or PA LINK: 1-800-753-8827
- Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL): 1-888-677-1199
- [Eldercare Locator](https://www.pa.gov/eldercare-locator) for older adults and their families: 1-800-677-1116