



NEW FAQ on Obtaining an FDA-Approved, COVID-19 Antigen Test Kit at No Cost for At-Home Use

Since we notified you of VEHI's intention to support the State of Vermont's new initiative to provide no-cost access to FDA-approved, COVID-19, at-home antigen ("rapid") test kits, we have received numerous inquiries about the specifics of the program. Our partners at BCBSVT have been working diligently to get this effort up and running, and they have provided us with this [FAQ for your benefit](#).

Please note, as the FAQ stresses, any the test kit you obtain at no cost must be **FDA approved**. A condensed list of the approved tests is at this link: [eua-covid-tests \(bluecrossvt.org\)](#).

The FAQ explains:

1. How to access a no-cost, FDA-approved test kit at a local, in-network pharmacy with a prescription from a doctor or pharmacist.
2. How to be *reimbursed* using a *Medical Claims Form* for an FDA-approved test kit that you purchased **during the month of December** outside a pharmacy setting through Amazon or another online medical retailer or that you purchased outside of Vermont because you live out of state.
3. How to be *reimbursed* using a *Medical Claims Form* for an FDA-approved test kit that you purchased at a local, in-network pharmacy **during the month of December**.
4. The *in-network pharmacy requirement* for being reimbursed for an FDA-approved test kit that is purchased **on or after January 1, 2022**.
5. Where to find more information about coverage of the at-home, antigen test kits.
6. How to confidentially help the Vermont Dept. of Health better track COVID infections.

One more thing: There may be a shortage of test kits for certain periods of time and in some locations. To ensure that every VEHI member, and every Vermonter, can access a test kit, please exercise moderation in the number of kits you obtain after a careful assessment of need based on the size, medical conditions, and circumstances of your life and household.

VEHI, of course, will continue to keep you updated as things progress.

Central Office Staff or Local Union Officials: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bobby-Jo Salls at bobbyjo@vsbit.org or Mark Hage at Mhage@vtnea.org.

Employees: Please contact the BCBSVT Pharmacy line at 877-493-1949 with questions.

We wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season!

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