

U.S. GOVERNMENT COVID TESTS

10 questions answered about ordering free COVID-19 tests from the federal government

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The federal government has launched its new website to order free rapid COVID-19 tests. Through COVIDtests.gov, residents can sign up to receive four at-home coronavirus test kits per household in the mail.



Here is what to know about the new website.

Who is eligible to receive the free tests?

Every U.S. **household** with a mailing address is eligible to receive four free rapid antigen tests as part of a White House initiative to help combat the latest wave of the omicron variant. **(Bates Student Addresses are not eligible)**

Does it matter if I am a U.S. citizen or not?

Citizenship status will not keep residents from receiving the free tests, the Associated Press recently reported.

How do I order the tests?

Visit special.usps.com/testkits to enter your name, shipping address and email address. Only four tests are available for each household, regardless of its size, according to the White House. If you speak Spanish or Mandarin, translation is available in those languages.

When will I receive them?

The United States Postal Service expects to ship the tests seven to 12 days after they have been ordered, according to the White House. Distribution will begin in late January.

Does it make a difference if I live in an apartment?

Residents who live in apartments or multi-unit homes are eligible to receive the tests, but some social media users have reported issues ordering them if someone in their building already has requested them. Some Twitter users suggested including the apartment number alongside the street address, instead of entering the information into the apartment/suite/other section to prevent any issues.

White House soft-launches COVID-19 test request website

The U.S. Postal Service told CNBC that there may be difficulties placing an order if an address isn't registered as a multi-unit residence. Anyone who runs into this problem can call 1-800-ASK-USPS or submit a service request at bit.ly/3FJezQq.

What if I do not have any access to the internet?

The White House recently announced it is launching a call line to help residents without internet access place orders. The exact number of the call line has yet to be announced.

What do I do if I'm homeless?

The White House's plans to provide unhoused residents with the free tests are unclear. But in a statement, the administration said it planned to collaborate with community-based organizations to assist "the nation's hardest-hit and highest-risk communities."