

# COVID-19 Testing Information

## When should I get tested for COVID-19?

You should get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or have been around someone who has COVID-19.

Some of the usual symptoms of COVID-19 are fever or chills, runny nose, cough, achiness, or new loss of your sense of taste or smell.

## How do I get tested for COVID-19?

Call your primary care provider or a child's pediatrician to find out if they offer COVID-19 testing in office or can order you a test through a laboratory.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance, you may be able to get multiple COVID-19 self-test kits each month **at no cost** if prescribed by a healthcare provider. Contact your insurance provider for more information. You can also purchase [self-test kits](#) at pharmacies or online.

If you do not have a primary care provider or pediatrician for your child, you can both get tested for COVID-19 at pharmacies or healthcare clinics in Rhode Island.

## Where should I get tested for COVID-19 if I do not have insurance?

The **Increasing Community Access to Testing (ICATT) Program** has several locations in Rhode Island offering COVID-19 testing for uninsured people that are [symptomatic](#) or have been [exposed](#).


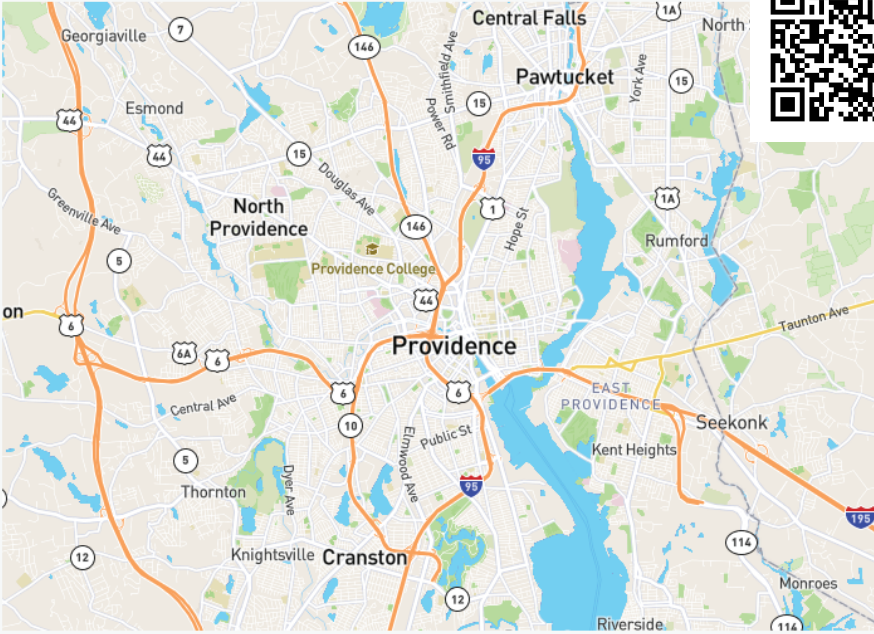
A list of ICATT Program sites can be found on the [CDC COVID-19 Testing Locator](#) website.

For example, if you search with a Providence, RI zip code seeking free testing within 5 miles you see results similar to this:

Select distance in miles:

Enter a 5-digit ZIP code or street address:

1. Walgreens  
354 Admiral St  
Providence, RI 02908  
0.8 miles [Directions](#)  
Find out more and schedule a test at [Walgreens](#).  
Site offers treatment resources for COVID-19.  
Telehealth available for site.
2. Walgreens  
295 Academy Ave  
Providence, RI 02908



Each U.S. household can order four free COVID-19 at-home tests by visiting [COVIDTests.gov](#).

Need help placing an order for your at-home tests?  
Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).



There are also some healthcare facilities in Rhode Island that offer Test to Treat Program sites:

Through the [Test to Treat Program](#) people can get tested, and if positive, be prescribed treatments from a healthcare provider and have their prescription filled all at one location. A call center is also available at **1-800-232-0233** (TTY **1-888-720-7489**) for assistance in multiple languages.

A list of Test to Treat sites (at little or no cost) can be found on the [Test to Treat Locator](#) website.

For example, if you do a city search with Providence seeking Test to Treat sites within 10 miles you see results similar to this:

**Find COVID-19 Medication**

Providence, RI, USA

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Results: 159

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- > State partnered telehealth providers 1

**How to get medication**

1. Locations to get testing, medical visits, and medication (Test-to-Treat)

Some pharmacy clinics and health centers can test, prescribe and give you medication at the same location. Additionally, some sites offer telehealth services.

[Learn more about the Test-to-Treat program.](#)

2. Locations to fill a prescription

Any healthcare provider can evaluate and prescribe you COVID-19 medication just as they normally would. You can fill those prescriptions at any location in this tool. Additionally, some of these sites offer telehealth services.

## What do I do if I have COVID-19?

If you or someone you live with has COVID-19, there are steps you can take to prevent spreading the virus to others and protect yourself from getting very sick. Stay home and isolate for at least 5 days and wear a mask around others for 10 full days.

Those at high risk of becoming very sick from COVID-19 are typically older adults, people with weakened immune systems, and those with underlying health conditions. If you test positive and are interested in COVID-19 treatment, consult a healthcare provider right away.

## General COVID-19 Information:

Rhode Island COVID-19 website:

[covid.ri.gov/](https://covid.ri.gov/)

[covid.ri.gov/multiple-languages](https://covid.ri.gov/multiple-languages) for information in other languages.

- Reach out to RIDOH for questions or support  
Email: [RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov](mailto:RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov)  
COVID-19 Information Line: **401-222-8022** M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

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