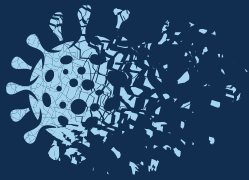


What is Changing with the COVID-19 Response?



During the COVID-19 pandemic the U.S. government and the State of Illinois established temporary rules regarding payment for certain health care services to ensure everyone had access to the tools needed to protect themselves. **Beginning May 11**, some of these rules will begin to be phased out as the Public Health Emergency (PHE) ends. Learn more about what this means for you.



Vaccines

Will Vaccines Still Be Available?

Yes. Chicagoans ages 6 months and up can continue to receive COVID-19 vaccines after the public health emergency ends.

Where?

COVID-19 vaccines will still be widely available throughout the city, including at doctor's offices, hospitals, pharmacies, community health centers, City-operated clinics and the Mobile CareVan. Go to "[Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)" to locate vaccine providers near you.

Will Guidance Change?

No. The end of public health emergency will have no impact on who is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. In April, federal health officials updated guidance that simplifies the vaccination schedule for most individuals.

Will They Still Be Free?

Yes, federally purchased vaccines will continue

to be offered free of charge where available.

Treatment

Will COVID-19 treatments still be available?

Yes, therapeutics to treat and limit the severity of COVID-19 will continue to be available after May 11.

Where?

Treatments will continue to be available from physicians, hospitals and pharmacies.

Will guidance change?

No, there will be no changes in who is eligible to receive treatments.

Will treatment still be free?

It depends on the type of insurance you have.

- **Private insurance:** Coverage for treatments and out of pocket costs will vary. Contact your insurer to learn more.
- **Medicare:** Will continue to cover all costs for treatment through December 31, 2024.
- **Medicaid:** Will continue to covered all costs for treatment until September 30, 2024.
- **No insurance:** Select pharmacies will continue to provide COVID-19 treatments with no out-of-pocket costs to uninsured individuals.

What is Changing with the COVID-19 Response?



Testing

Will Covid-19 Tests Still Be Available?

Yes, at-home rapid antigen tests and lab-based PCR tests will continue to be available in Chicago.

Where?

At-Home tests will continue to be available:

- In pharmacies

Through the U.S. Government while supplies last: Order at www.covid.gov/tests

Lab-based tests will continue to be available:

- At select pharmacies – call for information
- At select hospitals and health clinics – call for information

Visit www.testinglocator.cdc.gov/ to find no-cost testing

Will Guidance Change?

No, guidance about how and when to use COVID-19 testing will not change on May 11.

Will They Still Be Free?

It depends on the type of test and your insurance coverage.

	PRIVATE INSURANCE	PUBLIC INSURANCE (MEDICARE, MEDICAID)	NO INSURANCE
AT-HOME TESTS	Insurance companies will no longer be required to pay for at-home tests, but some may choose to continue to cover these tests. Contact your insurance provider for more information.	MEDICARE After May 11, Medicare will no longer have access to free at-home tests MEDICAID Tests will be covered through September 2024	CDPH will maintain a stock of tests and system for distribution in the case of a surge.
LAB TESTS	Insurance companies may decide to require co-pays for lab tests. Contact your insurance provider for more information.	MEDICARE Tests will be covered when ordered by a provider MEDICAID Tests will be covered through September 2024	Select pharmacies and health clinics will continue to offer free tests through funding from CDC. Visit www.testinglocator.cdc.gov/ for more information.