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Frederick County's Plan for COVID-19 At-Home Test Kits

FREDERICK, MD – In collaboration with Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL), Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) is offering limited free Abbott BinaxNOW Antigen At-Home COVID-19 test kits to help people prevent the spread of COVID-19. These kits are part of the [new program announced by Governor Hogan](#) on November 24 and will be available at all FCPL locations starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021 through their curbside pick-up service only. **Tests will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.**



No appointment is needed; simply pull up to the curbside area designated at each library location. Details about branch locations are available on the library's [website](#). There is a limit of one test per person, and four per family at a given time. Neither proof of residency nor a library card is required. The test should be administered at home.

Supplies are currently limited and will be restocked as more are received from Maryland Department of Health. Additional supplies are expected in upcoming weeks and updates will be provided on [FCHD Testing webpage](#), [FCPL's homepage](#) and social media ([FCHD Facebook](#), [FCPL Facebook](#)).

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These at-home test kits are intended for diagnostic testing by community members so that they can know their status and get early care. At this time, the free test kits are intended for people who may have been exposed to COVID-19, who are having symptoms of COVID-19, or who want to take extra steps to protect vulnerable family and friends they are visiting. They are not for routine employment testing, pre-travel testing, or school quarantine/isolation. Check with your work, school, or travel destination for more information about tests acceptable for these uses.



Each kit contains two COVID-19 tests that are approved to be used by one person, and the tests are to be used at least 36 hours apart and within three days of each other. The tests are self-administered, and results are available in 15 minutes. They are indicated for all people aged 15 years or older, and for children as young as 2 years old when samples are collected by an adult.

More information about the BinaxNOW antigen test kits can be found [here](#) and on our [testing website](#). At-home tests can also be purchased from pharmacies and other retail outlets.

In-Person PCR Testing is available for free seven days a week, no appointment needed at:

- Hillcrest/Golden Mile, 1100 W. Patrick St., Unite H, Frederick, MD 21703. (Run by Frederick County Health Department)
 - Hours: 10am-6pm
 - Type of clinic: Walk-in
 - No doctor's order required.
- Frederick Health Village, 1 Frederick Health Way, Frederick, MD 21701 (Run by Frederick Health Hospital)
 - Hours: 8am-12pm
 - Type of clinic: Drive-thru
 - A doctor's COVID-19 test order or a free self-test order is now required. Call 240-316-4970 between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to obtain a self-test order.

Other testing options can be found at covidtest.maryland.gov.

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