



**GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Human Resources Department**

News Notice

DATE: January 19, 2022
TO: All Employees
FROM: Monica Pearson, Benefits Coordinator
RE: FREE COVID-19 At-Home Test

Beginning on Tuesday, January 18, Americans can start ordering at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government. These tests are made available through the federal government's free COVID-19 testing program.

Gov. Whitmer encourages all Michiganders to take advantage of the federal government's free COVID-19 testing program. At-home, rapid COVID-19 tests are available for free at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), with every household eligible for four free tests that will be shipped directly to Michiganders' homes.

"The federal program to deliver free tests to every family is simple, easy, and effective. It will remove barriers to testing, including time and cost, and make it easier for Michiganders to get tested," said **Gov. Whitmer**. "Testing is a crucial tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19, and I encourage every Michigander to claim their free COVID-19 tests at COVIDTests.gov."

"Testing in addition to getting vaccinated and wearing masks are extremely effective tools in preventing the spread of COVID-19," said **Elizabeth Hertel, Director of MDHHS**. "We are grateful for the efforts the federal government is taking to make testing easy and accessible for all Michiganders. We hope all households in our state will take advantage of this resource."

COVID-19 testing in Michigan is at an all-time high. These at-home tests will provide the necessary tools directly to Michigan residents to limit testing access barriers and empower residents to take immediate action after receiving a test result.

When to use an at-home test:

- if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19
- if exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 (ideally 5 days after exposure or after experiencing symptoms)
- prior to or after traveling or attending a large gathering