

Kentucky's Public Health Emergency Unwinding: COVID-19 Testing and Vaccines FAQ

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CAN I STILL DISPENSE COVID-19 OTC TEST KITS FOR MEDICAID MEMBERS?

- *Kentucky Medicaid will continue to cover COVID testing for Medicaid members. Pharmacies may continue to dispense these. However, monthly limitations are subject to change in the near future. Currently, members are allowed up to 8 OTC COVID-19 test kits per member per month with no out-of-pocket costs until May 11, 2023. OTC products will still require a valid prescription or prescriber protocol before dispensing.*

WILL MEDICAID COVER THE COST OF THE VACCINE AFTER THE FEDERAL SUPPLY IS ALLOCATED?

- *Yes, Kentucky Medicaid will continue to cover COVID vaccinations for Medicaid members. Once vaccine price information is available and entered in our system, we will cover the ingredient cost of the vaccine. Coverage of the vaccine will not expire until September 30, 2024.*

WILL THE ADMINISTRATION FEE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE CHANGE?

- *The administration fee will remain at the current fee level. Pharmacy providers will be notified in advance of any future fee modifications.*

WILL COVID-19 TESTING AT POINT OF SALE CONTINUE TO BE COVERED?

- *Yes, this will be covered using the same prescriber protocol described at the following link: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dpo/ppb/Documents/PointofCareCOVID19TestingProtocol.pdf>.*

WHEN DOES THE PREP ACT EXPIRE? CAN PHARMACISTS CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER VACCINES TO CHILDREN DOWN TO THE AGE OF THREE?

- *The PREP act is set to expire on October 1, 2024.*
- *Yes, pharmacists may continue administering the COVID-19 vaccine and seasonal influenza vaccines down to the age of three through December 2024. Please review the HHS Fact sheet located at the following link for more information: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/04/14/factsheet-hhs-announces-amend-declaration-prep-act-medical-countermeasures-against-covid19.html>.*

WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGES TO PHARMACISTS CONDUCTING VACCINE COUNSELING AND BEING REIMBURSED FOR IT?

- *There are no current changes, but this may be subject to change in the future.*