

COVID-19 Testing Resources In and Near Prospect Heights

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When should I get a COVID-19 Test?

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 (even if you have been vaccinated)
- If you have been exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19
- If you participated in activities that put you at higher risk for contracting COVID-19 (e.g. travel, attending large gatherings without social distancing, especially indoors)
- If you are required to be tested (e.g. prior to international travel or having a medical procedure)

Source: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/coronavirus-disease-2019-testing-basics>

What are the different kinds of COVID-19 tests?

- Diagnostic tests show if you have an active COVID-19 infection
 - Molecular tests, of which the most common is a **PCR** test, are generally more accurate but take longer to obtain test results. In *most* cases, when you are required to be tested (e.g. prior to international travel, medical procedures, or return-to-work or school) the requirement will be to have a PCR test.
 - **Antigen** tests, often referred to as “**rapid** tests”, produce results in as little as 15-30 minutes but are less accurate than molecular tests. They are most accurate in detecting the virus in people carrying high viral loads. *False positive* results are rare; however testing immediately after exposure to someone with confirmed COVID-19 may result in *false negative* results. “At home” antigen tests can be purchased without a prescription at drugstores and although hard-to-find, are becoming more available.
- Antibody tests show if you have had a COVID-19 infection or vaccination in the past. These are not used for detecting a current active COVID-19 infection.

What do COVID-19 tests cost?

- Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”)
 - Insurance companies are required to cover the cost of diagnostic COVID-19 tests *determined to be medically appropriate by the individual’s health care provider* without cost sharing by the insured
 - Providers can be reimbursed for providing diagnostic COVID-19 tests to the uninsured without regard for the patient’s immigration status
- Many (but not all) insurance companies cover all COVID-19 tests, including those required for travel, employment or other reasons.
- Some providers charge for providing expedited PCR test results.
- **To avoid surprises, ASK the test provider about costs and payment BEFORE you schedule the test, AND check with your insurance provider about coverage BEFORE you schedule the test. Always bring a state-issued ID and your insurance card with you.**

Where can I get tested nearby?

Provider	PCR	Antigen (“rapid”)	At-home self-test Antigen
Alliance Health, 145 Sterling Pl	Yes	Yes	No
CareCube, 153 7 th Ave	Yes	Yes	No
CityMD, 288 Flatbush Ave	Yes	Yes	No
Duane Reade, 296 Flatbush Ave	No	No	Sometimes in stock
Kings Pharmacy, 357 Flatbush Ave	No	Yes	No
Northwell Health, 365 Flatbush Ave	Yes	Yes	No

Details on following pages. All information confirmed with providers Oct 16, 2021.

Alliance Health

Provider	Alliance Health, 145 Sterling Pl (between Flatbush & 7 th Ave), phone 631-526-7425. Website: https://alliance.health/park-slope/#
Hours	Mon-Fri 8:00am-10:00pm. Sat-Sun 8:00am-5:00pm
Walk-ins	Accepted. Appointments recommended to reduce wait time.
Insurance	All insurances accepted.
PCR	<48 hrs: \$0. <32 hrs: \$75 with ins. <8 hrs: \$245 self-pay. <1 hr: \$395 self-pay.
Antigen	<30 mins: \$0
Comments	I have personally used. Fast, efficient, recommended.

CareCube

Provider	CareCube, 153 7 th Avenue (between Carroll St & Garfield Pl), phone 718-439-5111. Website: https://carecube.clinic/covid-19-testing/
Hours	Mon-Sun 9:00am-5:00pm.
Walk-ins	Accepted. Appointments recommended to reduce wait time.
Insurance	Call insurance company before booking appointment to confirm coverage, or email a picture of your insurance card to info@carecube.clinic
PCR	<12 hrs: \$0 with insurance; \$225 if not covered.
Antigen	<60 mins: \$0 with insurance; \$200 if not covered.
Comments	Had difficulty with phone voice response system. System disconnected calls multiple times before enabling connection to a human.

CityMD

Provider	CityMD, 288 Flatbush Avenue (between Park Pl & Prospect Pl), phone 718-656-1290. Website: https://www.citymd.com/urgent-care-locations/ny/brooklyn/prospect-heights/027
Hours	Mon-Fri 8:00am-7:00pm. Sat-Sun 9:00am-5:00pm.
Walk-ins	Accepted. No appointments. If busy, they use a “virtual line” in which you wait elsewhere and will be called back when it is your turn.
Insurance	Call insurance company before booking appointment to confirm coverage.
PCR	Up to 5 days: \$0.
Antigen	<60 mins: \$0.
Comments	Potentially very long wait time to get PCR test results.

Duane Reade / Walgreens

Provider	Duane Reade, 296 Flatbush Avenue (corner 7 th Ave & Flatbush Ave), phone 718-399-2716. Website: https://www.walgreens.com/locator/walgreens-296+flatbush+ave-brooklyn-ny-11217/id=14312
Hours	Mon-Sun store open 24 hours/day.
Walk-ins	Not applicable. No in-store testing offered.
Insurance	Not applicable.
PCR	Not offered.
Antigen	Not offered.
At-home tests	Very limited supply. When in stock, \$26 per package of 2 tests.
Comments	Phone system difficult to navigate to speak to a human. However, call before going to store due to very limited availability of at-home tests.

Kings Pharmacy

Provider	Kings Pharmacy, 357 Flatbush Avenue (between Park Pl & Sterling Pl), phone 718-230-3535. Website: https://www.kingsrx.com/
Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30am-6:00pm. Sat 9:00am-5:00pm. Sun 9:00am-4:00pm.
Walk-ins	Accepted.
Insurance	Only Medicare and Medicaid accepted. No private insurance.
PCR	Not offered.
Antigen	<60 mins, \$0 with insurance, \$65 if not covered.
At-home tests	Not offered.
Comments	None.

Northwell Health

Provider	Northwell Health, 365 Flatbush Avenue (between Park Pl & Sterling Pl), phone 347-871-9485. Website: https://www.gohealthuc.com/nyc
Hours	Mon-Fri 8:00am-8:00pm. Sat-Sun 9:00am-5:00pm.
Walk-ins	Accepted. Appointments (“save my spot”) also available; book online.
Insurance	Call insurance company before test to confirm coverage.
PCR	<72 hours, \$0 if insurance covers; \$315 if not covered.
Antigen	<15 mins, \$0 if insurance covers; \$195 if not covered. Limited supply of antigen tests available, call to confirm availability.
At-home tests	Not offered.
Comments	None.