

Understanding COVID-19 Testing

The option listed below for COVID-19 diagnostic testing is available to members whether symptomatic, asymptomatic, or with or without known or suspected exposure.

A licensed or authorized provider is involved in providing or ordering the COVID-19 test

***Testing Option: Individual testing for all members (without cost-sharing)**

- Blue Shield will waive out-of-pocket costs for co-payments, coinsurance, and deductibles.
- Coverage is available both in and out-of-network, but member may be subject to balance billing by out-of-network testing providers for related items or services provided along with the COVID-19 test.
- This includes tests conducted at pharmacies and state and local government testing sites.

Test not covered by my plan

Alternative: Member self-payment

- If the member directly purchases or orders a test kit (e.g., over the counter or from a website), without an order from a licensed or authorized provider, they will be responsible for all costs associated with testing.

*Testing for public health surveillance, employment purposes, or other purposes not primarily intended for individualized diagnosis or treatment is not covered under current regulatory requirements.

Please Note: The information above is current as of 06/17/2021 and is subject to change as state and federal guidance on COVID-19 diagnostic testing continues to evolve.