



THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY DECLARATION HAS
ENDED.

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW



COVID-19 isn't over.

COVID-19 cases are down, but the end of the emergency declarations does not mean the virus is no longer a threat. The COVID-19 virus remains a leading cause of death in the United States, with about 250 daily deaths. Visit CDC's website and California's state and local health departments for information about local infection rates.

Vaccines are still free.

Vaccines remain free for everyone. As long as the supply of federally purchased vaccines lasts, COVID-19 vaccines will remain free.

Testing and treatment varies.

- Coverage for COVID-19 testing and treatment will vary by insurance type.
- For people with Medicaid coverage, COVID-19 testing and treatment will remain covered at no cost through September 2024.
- For those without insurance, COVID-19 testing and treatment will no longer be covered, and the cost will be determined by individual providers. However, free tests and treatment may be available at local clinics or community health centers.

At-home test coverage has changed.

- People with traditional Medicare coverage will no longer receive free at-home tests.
- People with Medicaid coverage will have at-home tests covered at no cost through September 2024. After that date, COVID-19 at-home testing coverage will vary by state.
- People with private insurance and private Medicare plans will no longer be guaranteed free at-home tests. However, some insurers may continue to choose to cover these tests.
- People who are uninsured will continue to pay full price for at-home tests. Those who are uninsured or who cannot afford at-home tests may still be able to find them for no cost at local clinics, community health centers, public health departments, libraries or other local organizations.

You can help prevent the spread.

- Get vaccinated and boosted
- Isolate if you test positive
- If you have symptoms, talk to your doctor about treatment
- Consider wearing a mask when COVID-19 infections are higher
- When gathering inside, ventilate well (open doors and windows, run HVAC systems and use high-quality air filters)
- Get tested and stay home if you're sick
- Wear a mask to protect the vulnerable

REFERENCES & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

cdc.gov/coronavirus

covid19.ca.gov

covid19.ca.gov/safely-reopening

hhs.gov/coronavirus