

Overview of KDHE's COVID-19 Testing Strategy

This chart outlines changes to KDHE's COVID-19 Testing Strategy, which continues to ensure availability of testing for all Kansans (effective 11/30/21)

Program	Change for Kansans	Change in operations	Cost to Kansans
Mass testing sites	Now 9 sites (from 16), finding new sites where needed	Sites to be operated by State Lab (KHEL)	Free ¹
Community & Volunteer Testing ²	Shift to Antigen tests as possible at 100+ sites in 80+ counties	Funded through March 2022	Free ¹
Local Health Departments ²	No change	Test to be processed by State Lab (KHEL)	Free ¹
K-12 Schools	No change	No change	Free ¹
Long Term Care Facilities (LTCFs) ²	No change	Shift to national vendor (Battelle)	Free ¹
Outbreaks	No change	Test to be processed by State Lab (KHEL)	Free ¹
Employer testing program	No change for those already enrolled (<i>until March 2022</i>)	Program to end March 2022	Free ³ <i>(up to 10% of employees every 2 weeks)¹</i>

Kansans can continue to seek testing at:

- Healthcare provider offices (*e.g., physicians, urgent care, pharmacies, clinics*)
- Safety net clinics (*e.g., Federally Qualified Health Centers, CHC*)
- Free federal pharmacy programs (*e.g., ICATT pharmacies, at CVS or Walgreens*)
- Home testing kits (*e.g., over-the-counter at retailers like CVS & Walmart*)

For additional information on updates to Kansas' COVID-19 Testing Strategy or to find a free testing site, visit [knowbeforeyougoks.com](https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/COVID-19/Testing-Strategy)

1. The availability of these testing programs is dependent upon need as well as state and federal funding
 2. KDHE will no longer fund testing processed by commercial & university labs. Organizations that wish to continue working with lab vendors will need to modify contracts to bill insurance for diagnostic testing. Only sites enrolled in the CTP and VTP program are eligible
 3. Only for those previously enrolled in KDHE's employer testing program, which will be phased out March 2022