



## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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**Friends** - today, President Biden announced that, starting January 19th, the Administration will begin distributing at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests to American homes for free at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). This program will ensure that Americans have at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests available in the weeks and months ahead—in addition to the number of other ways they can get tested. The Administration is quickly completing a contracting process for the unprecedented purchase of one billion at-home, rapid tests to distribute as part of this program. You can find more details below about how to order an at-home test, and we encourage you to share this information broadly with your communities.

**Ordering Process:** Starting on January 19th, Americans will be able to order a test online at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). To ensure broad access, the program will limit the number of tests sent to each residential address to four tests. Tests will usually ship within 7-12 days of ordering.

**Distribution and Delivery Process:** The Administration will partner with the United States Postal Service to package and deliver tests to Americans that want them. All orders in the continental United States will be sent through First Class Package Service, with shipments to Alaska, Hawaii, and the U.S. Territories and APO/FPO/DPO addresses sent through Priority Mail.

**Ensuring Equity and Reaching Hardest-Hit Communities:** The Administration is taking a number of steps to ensure this program reaches our hardest-hit and highest-risk communities. This includes prioritizing processing orders to households experiencing the highest social vulnerability and in communities that have experienced a disproportionate share of COVID-19 cases and deaths, particularly during this Omicron surge; launching a free call line, so that Americans who have difficulty accessing the internet or need additional support can phone-in orders for their tests; and, working with national and local organizations with deep experience serving communities of color, people living with disabilities, and other high-risk communities to serve as navigators, raise awareness about the program, and help people submit requests.

All best,

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