Berkshire County Testing Locations for COVID-19

Berkshire Health Systems—PCR Testing

To make an appt. for any of the BHS sites:

Call: (855) 262-5465 | (7:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

or book through your BHS Patient Portal.

> **Great Barrington**
> 475 Main St, Great Barrington
>
> **Pittsfield**
> 505 East St, Pittsfield,
>
> **North Adams**
> 98 Church Street, North Adams

CHP Mobile Van

Multiple Locations, see website for schedule

Call: (413) 528-0457

Online: CHP Mobile Health & Vaccine Clinic

CVS Minute Clinic in Pittsfield—PCR

107 West St, Pittsfield

Call: (413) 559 4624

Online: COVID-19 Testing

CVS Minute Clinic in Lenox—PCR

481 Pittsfield RD, Lenox

Call: (413) 499-3430

Online: COVID-19 Testing

Most testing is covered by insurance if symptomatic. If asymptomatic or uninsured there may be a charge.

At home testing:

Home tests are available at most pharmacies. Up to 8 tests per month may be covered by your insurance.

Alternate Options for Getting Test Kits:

Post Office Orders: Free to each address: https://special.usps.com/testkits

Request a Home Test Kit from Labcorp: State of MA | Request kits here

Exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19?
Get Tested!

MedExpress Urgent Care— Rapid Antigen & PCR

999 Dalton Ave, Pittsfield

Call: 413-448-6231

Online: MedExpress, Pittsfield

Walgreens (curbside, drive-thru, or in-store) - PCR & Rapid

50 Lincoln St, North Adams, MA

Call: (413) 663-5270

Online: COVID-19 Testing | Walgreens

SVHC Urgent Care— PCR and Rapid Antigen

856 State Road, North Adams, MA

Online: https://ccmdcenters.com/coronavirus2019

Common Testing Questions and Answers

When should I get tested?

Test when you have symptoms such as **sore throat, cough, runny nose, fever, unusual headache,** especially with multiple symptoms or worsening symptoms.

Test when exposed— if you have a close exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID test approximately 5 days following exposure or if symptomatic.

Test immediately before an event with **vulnerable individuals** (older adults, young children, and people with existing health conditions).

What kinds of tests are available?

PCR Test: PCR stands for polymerase chain reaction. It's a test to detect genetic material from a specific organism, such as a virus. The test detects the presence of a virus if you have the virus at the time of the test. The test is very sensitive and is most likely to let you know if you have been infected. However, because it is so sensitive it may also detect virus fragments after you are no longer infected.

Rapid or Antigen Tests: detects proteins from the virus which causes COVID-19. This type of test is considered most accurate in those individuals who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19

Self-testing: Give rapid results (usually in 15 minutes) and can be done anywhere. Less sensitive than a PCR test; those who are vaccinated are less likely to test positive early in their illness. If you have symptoms continue to test for several days to be sure negative tests are accurate. Self-tests can be valuable for indicating if you are infectious at that time.

Do I need to report a positive test?

In Massachusetts there is no need to report positive results from a home test (all laboratory PCR-tests will be reported automatically). Let anyone you have been in close contact with over the past five days know that they may have been exposed, as well as any employers, schools, daycares, etc.