

## Details on the federal COVID-19 public health emergency ending May 11, 2023

The federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) is ending on May 11, 2023. This will affect how COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and treatment are provided and covered for some Kaiser Permanente members. **Until the COVID-19 public health emergency ends, COVID-19 coverage and costs remain unchanged.**

### COVID-19 vaccines, testing and treatment

#### 1. Will Kaiser Permanente members have to pay for the COVID-19 vaccine after the PHE ends?

<b>Commercial members</b> in California	COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be provided and covered at \$0 cost-share for the next 6 months, in compliance with California law. Details on coverage after the 6 month period ends will be shared at a later date.
<b>Commercial members</b> in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland Washington D.C., Virginia, Hawaii	<b>In-network:</b> COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be covered under preventive benefits at applicable plan cost sharing, typically \$0. <b>Out-of-network:</b> COVID-19 vaccinations will no longer be covered.
<b>Medicare members</b> in all Kaiser Permanente markets	<b>In-network:</b> COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be covered by Medicare part B at no cost. <b>Out-of-network:</b> COVID-19 vaccinations will no longer be covered.
<b>Medicaid members</b> in all Kaiser Permanente markets	COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be covered at no cost through September 2024.

#### 2. Will Kaiser Permanente members still be able to get free COVID-19 home antigen tests from Kaiser Permanente after the PHE ends?

<b>Commercial members</b> in California	COVID-19 home antigen tests will continue to be provided and covered at \$0 cost-share for up to 8 tests per member per month for the next 6 months, in compliance with California law. Members can submit a claim to get reimbursed for up to \$12 per test. Details on coverage after the 6 month period ends will be shared at a later date.
<b>Commercial members</b> in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland Washington D.C., Virginia, Hawaii	COVID-19 home antigen tests coverage expires and will no longer be covered.
<b>Medicare members</b> in all Kaiser Permanente markets	COVID-19 home antigen tests coverage expires and will no longer be covered, per federal guidance.

<p><b>Medicaid members</b> in all Kaiser Permanente markets</p>	<p>COVID-19 home antigen tests will continue to be covered at no cost through September 2024. The number of covered tests varies based on state guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, and Oregon members can continue to get 8 home antigen tests per month.</li> <li>• Washington members can continue to get 12 home antigen tests per month.</li> <li>• Maryland members can continue to get 4 home antigen tests per 30 days.</li> </ul>
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**3. Will Kaiser Permanente members still get free COVID-19 PCR tests from Kaiser Permanente after the PHE ends?**

<p><b>Commercial members</b> in California</p>	<p>COVID-19 PCR testing will continue to be provided and covered at \$0 cost-share for the next 6 months, in compliance with California law. Details on coverage after the 6 month period ends will be shared at a later date.</p>
<p><b>Commercial members</b> in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland Washington D.C., Virginia, Hawaii</p>	<p><b>In-network:</b> COVID-19 diagnostic PCR testing will be covered under the outpatient diagnostic lab benefit at applicable plan cost-sharing. Testing for other purposes, such as for work, school, or travel is not covered. <b>Out-of-network:</b> COVID-19 PCR testing will only be covered for urgent care and emergency services, when legally required, or when OON coverage is included in a Kaiser Permanente member's plan.</p>
<p><b>Medicare members</b> in all Kaiser Permanente markets</p>	<p><b>In-network:</b> COVID-19 diagnostic PCR testing will be covered under the outpatient diagnostic lab benefit at applicable plan cost-sharing. Testing for other purposes, such as for work, school, or travel is not covered. <b>Out-of-network:</b> COVID-19 PCR testing will only be covered for urgent care and emergency services when legally required or when OON coverage is included in a Kaiser Permanente member's plan.</p>
<p><b>Medicaid members</b> in all Kaiser Permanente markets</p>	<p>COVID-19 PCR tests will continue to be covered at no cost through September 2024, in compliance with federal guidance.</p>

**4. Will Kaiser Permanente members still get free COVID-19 treatment (therapeutics) from Kaiser Permanente after the PHE ends?**

<p><b>Commercial members</b> in California</p>	<p>COVID-19 treatment will continue to be provided and covered at \$0 cost-share for the next 6 months, in compliance with California law. Details on coverage after the 6 month period ends will be shared at a later date.</p>
<p><b>Commercial members</b> in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland Washington D.C., Virginia, Hawaii</p>	<p><b>In-network:</b> COVID-19 treatment will be covered under the drug benefit with applicable plan cost-sharing. <b>Out-of-network:</b> COVID-19 treatment will only be covered for urgent care and emergency services, when legally required, or</p>

	when OON coverage is included in a Kaiser Permanente member's plan.
<b>Medicare members</b> in all Kaiser Permanente markets	<b>In-network:</b> COVID-19 treatment will be covered under the Medicare Part B drug benefit with applicable plan cost-sharing. <b>Out-of-network:</b> Coverage for COVID-19 treatment from an out-of-network provider expires and will no longer be covered, per federal guidance.
<b>Medicaid members</b> in all Kaiser Permanente markets	COVID-19 treatment will continue to be covered at no cost through September 2024, in compliance with federal guidance.

**5. When do changes take effect?**

The changes described above go into effect on May 12, 2023, following the end of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency on May 11, 2023.

**6. How is Kaiser Permanente notifying members of these changes?**

Kaiser Permanente will be updating kp.org and sending communications to members in advance of this change with information about the end of the PHE.

**7. Where can Kaiser Permanente members get information about how to access COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, testing and care?**

Kaiser Permanente members should visit kp.org for the latest information on how to access COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, testing and care.

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**8. When will plan documents be updated to reflect these changes?**

Any changes to Kaiser Permanente's plan descriptions will be made as required by applicable state and federal requirements. Kaiser Permanente's Evidence of Coverage and group agreements were never modified to include language related to the benefit changes, coverage of additional services, and changes to administrative requirements and processes due to the public health emergency.