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**CARRIE'S  
COVID Q&A**

SOURCE: CBS NEWS and CNN

**Question: What are antiviral medications?**

**Answer:** Antiviral medications help people to fight off infections from a virus. They can help people experience less severe symptoms and shorten the length of an illness.

**Question: Is it true that COVID-19 symptoms can come back after taking an antiviral?**

**Answer:** Yes, it is true that some people who have taken Paxlovid (one of 2 available oral antiviral medications) may get recurring symptoms of COVID-19 several days after finishing the medication. However, researchers are still confident that antiviral medications are highly effective in preventing hospitalization and deaths. Reoccurring symptoms are mild and only happen in a small number of cases. If you or a loved one tests positive for COVID-19 and have a health condition such as diabetes, heart disease, dementia or any condition that may put a person at risk for severe disease, antiviral medications are still being recommended as treatment. Antiviral medications need to be started right away after testing positive. Contact your health provider for a full list of conditions that would make someone eligible for antiviral medication.

*Monica's  
Minute*

## Can I still go and get COVID Tested for Free?

The answer is **YES!** Milwaukee still has locations that are giving free PCR COVID-19 tests for anyone 12 months or older, regardless if you have symptoms or not. PCR tests work by finding the DNA or RNA of a disease-causing organism, or abnormal cell in a sample. These tests can find evidence of the disease in the earliest stages of infection, and the tests are fast and highly accurate. **You can save time and pre-register for these test sites online at: <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/>**

Source: <https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/pcr-tests/>

## Free Community Testing Sites

### Northwest Health Center

7630 W. Mill Road

Drive-thru garage – Enter at Mill Road Library,  
6431 N. 76th St.

- Monday & Friday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Tuesday & Thursday: 12 – 6 p.m.

### Menomonee Valley Site

2401 W. St. Paul Ave.

Drive-thru garage

- Monday, Wednesday, Fridays: 12 – 6 p.m.
- Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Southside Health Center

1639 S. 23rd St.

- Monday & Friday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Tuesday & Thursday: 12 – 6 p.m.

# You Can Still Order Free At-Home COVID Tests!

Every household in the U.S. is eligible to order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship directly to your home in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

Individuals without accessible internet access or who need additional support to place an order can call **800-232-0233**. Currently, this is the third round of free at-home tests that are being given out.

**Here is the website to order your free tests: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>**

REMINDER: The city of Milwaukee's Health Department is recommending that people wear masks again! The county is experiencing a **high** level of community spread of COVID-19. On May 19th, city health officials have issued a mask **advisory** for everyone over the age of 2.

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When the sun is out,  
you wear sunscreen.

When pollen is high,  
you take allergy meds.

When cases are up...  
wear your mask!

WE CAN PREVENT COVID-19.

*Shirley's Snippet*  
In Loving Memory  
1941-2022

## Today's Little Chuckle

Q: Why was the broom late?

A: Because it overswept!

