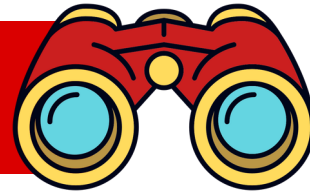


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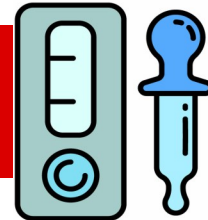
THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (PHE) IS ENDING SOON, COVID-19 SCAMMERS ARE OUT IN FULL FORCE! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR:

Scammers selling fake, unauthorized at-home COVID-19 test kits in an effort to get your personal, financial, or medical information.

- Make sure to purchase FDA-approved COVID-19 test kits from legitimate providers. If you aren't sure if a kit is legitimate, contact your doctor, local pharmacy or the NYS Senior Medicare Patrol at 800-333-4374 to confirm.
- Do not give out your Medicare number to anyone other than your doctor, health care provider, or other trusted representative.
- Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments through unsolicited calls, texts, emails, television ads, websites and social media sites.
- Don't fall for pressure tactics or time sensitive offers.
- Check insurance statements and Medicare Summary Notices (MSN). Look for errors of claims for products or services that weren't received.
- Be cautious of COVID-19 survey scams that offer money or gifts in exchange for personal, medical, or financial information.

WE CAN HELP! To find out what is a legitimate offer and what's a scam, or to report COVID-19 Fraud, call the NYS Senior Medicare Patrol at 800-333-4374.

COVID-19 TESTS



FROM NOW UNTIL THE PHE ENDS:

- Each household in the U.S. can order four free COVID-19 at-home tests shipped directly to their home at no cost. Visit **[COVIDtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov)** and enter your contact information and mailing address. (Source: *covid.gov*)
- People with Medicare can also get up to 8 over-the-counter COVID-19 tests each month at no cost. Find a participating pharmacy near you. (Source: *medicare.gov*)



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