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Is there testing available for respiratory virus infections?

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Tests are available that can detect COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

Testing for respiratory virus infections can help guide your next steps. You may choose to seek treatment to lower your risk of severe illness and take steps to prevent spreading the virus.

At-home testing:



You can purchase at-home tests online or in pharmacies, retail stores, and more.

Free at-home tests may be available through **your local health department**.

If you have health insurance, it may reimburse the cost of purchasing at-home tests.

In-person testing:



Community-based testing locations or health centers may be able to provide **low- to no- cost testing**.

Your healthcare provider or urgent care clinic might be able to test for respiratory infection.

Multiplex tests for COVID-19 and flu are available in healthcare settings and for home use.

A multiplex test is a single test that can detect multiple viruses. This can help you get the right treatment faster.

Seek medical care promptly if you are very sick or are at higher risk for severe illness from respiratory viruses.

