

FREE COVID-19 TESTING OPTIONS FOR ALL MBC EMPLOYEES

Below are two free options for COVID-19 testing available to ALL MBC employees.

There are many other testing options available that can be found here:

<https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/index.jsp>



If you would like to get tested for COVID-19, please work with your supervisor to arrange to an appropriate time. Employees may use accrued sick leave or vacation leave to get tested during work hours.

Free Testing Option #1 – Test in Person

Minneapolis Convention Center

1301 2nd Ave South

Minneapolis, MN 55403

- Tests are at no cost to you, and insurance is not required.
- Walk-ins are welcome, but it's best to pre-register for an appointment and arrive on time (not earlier).
[Schedule Appointment with Vault Health](#)
- Free parking will be available and marked in nearby surface lots and parking ramps.
- Enter on the west side of the building off 1st Avenue, then continue to exhibit room E.

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 12 - 7 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25 for Christmas

What to expect at the testing site

- The sites are usually busiest when they first open. Come later in the day if you can to avoid lines.
- Bring your insurance card if you have health insurance. The test will be 100% at no cost to you whether or not you have insurance.

Free Testing Option #2 – Test at Home

Minnesota and Vault Medical Services have teamed up to offer at-home saliva testing for everyone, at no cost. Go to [Vault: No-Cost COVID Testing For All Minnesotans](#) to order a test.

When you are ready to take the test, you will [log in to access the the Vault virtual waiting room](#) and do a video visit with a Vault test supervisor. They can give you instructions and make sure you do the test the right way. You will then send the test to the lab in Oakdale, Minnesota, using the prepaid package. Once it arrives at the lab, you will get your test results by email in 24-48 hours.

- If you do have insurance, you will need to provide your information so your insurance company can pay for your test. If your insurance does not pay for COVID-19 tests or does not pay enough, the state will cover the cost. If you do not have insurance, the state will pay for your test. **You will not receive a bill.**
- The saliva test checks whether you have COVID-19 right now and can spread it to others. It is not an antibody test that looks for whether you have had COVID-19 in the past.