



Consumer Alert™

Prices at Approved /Accredited Private Sector Laboratories Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Jamaica
as at April 26, 2021

| NAME OF LABORATORY | TYPE OF COVID- 19 TESTS CONDUCTED | | PRICES OF COVID-19 TESTS CONDUCTED | | | | TURN AROUND TIME FOR TEST RESULTS | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | PCR TEST | ANTIGEN TEST | PCR | | ANTIGEN | | PCR TEST | ANTIGEN TEST |
| | | | (J\$) | (US\$) | (J\$) | (US\$) | | |
| KINGSTON | | | | | | | | |
| AIDS Health Foundation | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 | | | Same Day |
| Andrew’s Memorial Hospital | X | ✓ | | | \$10,000 | | | 24 Hours |
| BioMedical Caledonia Laboratory Ltd. | ✓ | ✓ | \$25,000 | | \$8,000 | | 5-7 Days | 24-48 Hours |
| Central Medical Laboratory | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 | | | 24 Hours |
| Dunrobin Medical and Wellness Centre | X | ✓ | | | \$9,000 (In Office) | | | 20-30 Minutes |
| | | | | | \$10,000 (In Drive-Thru) | | | |
| Fleet Diagnosis Laboratory | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 (At Laboratory) | | | Same Day |
| | | | | | \$9,000 (Doctor’s Office) | | | |
| Health Plus Associates | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 | | | 8-10 Minutes |
| Health Renew | X | ✓ | | | \$7,500 | | | 15-20 Minutes |
| Josk Medical Laboratory | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 | | | 15-30 Minutes |
| LRI Medical Laboratory Limited | ✓ | ✓ | \$20,500 | | \$7,500 | | 24-48 Hours | 1-2 Hours |
| MD Link | ✓ | ✓ | \$27,000 | 180 USD | \$10,000 | 70 USD | 72 Hours | 20 Minutes |
| | | | \$22,000 (In Drive-Thru) | | \$7,500 (In Drive-Thru) | | 48 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| Microlabs Limited | ✓ | ✓ | \$20,000 | | \$7,000 | | 48 Hours | Same Day |
| Technological Solutions Limited ^[2] | ✓ | ✓ | \$22,500 | 150 USD | \$7,500 | 50 USD | 24-36 Hours | 2-3 Hours |
| Vein Centers of Jamaica | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 | | | 15 Minutes |
| Winchester Medical and Surgical Institute | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 (Weekdays) | | | 8-24 Hours |
| | | | | | \$10,000 (Weekends) | | | |
| Windsor Wellness Centre | ✓ | ✓ | \$22,000 | | \$8,500 | | 48-72 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| CARIGEN ^[3] | | | | | | | | |
| MANDEVILLE | | | | | | | | |
| Microlabs Limited | ✓ | ✓ | \$20,000 | | \$7,000 | | 48 Hours | Same Day |
| MONTEGO BAY | | | | | | | | |
| Baywest Hospital | ✓ | ✓ | \$20,000 | 200 USD | \$10,000 | 100 USD | 48 Hours | 15-30 Minutes |
| BioMedical Caledonia Laboratory Ltd. | ✓ | ✓ | \$25,000 | | \$8,000 | | 5-7 Days | 24-48 Hours |
| Hospiten | X | ✓ | | | \$5,500 | 55 USD | | 24 Hours |
| Microlabs Limited | ✓ | ✓ | \$20,000 | | \$7,000 | | 48 Hours | Same Day |
| Oneness Health Centre | ✓ | ✓ | \$22,000 | | \$8,000 | | 24-48 Hours | Same Day |
| Pulseline Family Centre | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 | | | 15-30 Minutes |
| CLARENDON | | | | | | | | |
| Procare Health Services ^[4] | X | ✓ | | | \$8,500 | | | 24 Hours |
| SD Medical | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 | | | 30 Minutes |

Key:

Cells highlighted in red signify the highest price for that particular item, amongst the outlets surveyed in that parish.

Cells highlighted in green signify the lowest price for that particular item, amongst the outlets surveyed in that parish.

Blank cells indicate that no price observations were made for that particular item, amongst the outlets surveyed in that parish.

- Notes:
1. Telephone Survey conducted by the Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) between April 17 and 26, 2021

2. For express PCR results (under 24 hours), the cost is \$37,500 (250 USD)

3. No price data was obtained from this facility

4. Procure Health Services is not on the approved or accredited listing; Express results (under 24 hours) available for \$10,000

5. List of approved laboratories obtained from MOHW Website and accredited labs from JANAAC website.

6. Telephone verification obtained for all prices.

7. The table will be updated periodically when verified price data becomes available

8. N/A - information not available at time of survey.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMISSION COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE

Since March 2020, the Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) has increased its surveillance of consumer products whose demand and supply have been impacted by the global pandemic. The products include basic food items, sanitation, hygiene products and protective equipment, computer equipment, banking fees and petrol products. The passage of the Trade (Sale of Goods During Period of Declaration of Disaster Area) Order 2020, in March 2020 has empowered the CAC to conduct investigations into cases of price gouging as defined by the legislation. The current investigation focusses on the difference in the prices of SARS-CoV-2 testing in Jamaica. While the Commission is aware that various providers conduct PCR and antigen testing at various prices, we have provided the prices of these tests at Approved /Accredited Laboratories (with the exception of one lab). Consumers are advised to report to the CAC, any excessive pricing observed in the market.