

Consumer Alert™

Prices at Approved /Accredited /Pre-Accredited Private Laboratories /Medical Facilities Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Jamaica as at January 24, 2022.

| 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 TEST | | ANTIGEN TEST | | PCR TEST | ANTIGEN TEST |
| | | | (J\$) | (US\$) | (J\$) | (US\$) | | |
| KINGSTON AND ST. ANDREW | | | | | | | | |
| AIDS Health Foundation | X | ✓ | | | \$5,000 | | | 15-20 Minutes |
| Andrews Memorial Hospital | X | ✓ | | | \$5,000 | | | 24 Hours |
| BioMedical Caledonia Laboratory Ltd. | ✓ | ✓ | \$20,000 | | \$5,000 | | 48 Hours | Same Day |
| Central Medical Laboratory | X | ✓ | | | \$5,000 | | | Same Day |
| Fairco Medical and Dermatology Centre | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,500 | | \$5,000 | | 24-48 Hours | 1 Hour |
| Fleet Diagnostic Laboratory | X | ✓ | | | \$4,000 | | | 15-20 Minutes |
| LRI Medical Laboratory Limited ^[2] | ✓ | ✓ | \$15,000 | | \$6,000 | | 24 Hours | 15 Minutes |
| MD Link ^[3] | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,000 (In Office) | \$110 (In Office) | \$5000 (In Office) | \$30 (In Office) | 48-72 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| | | | \$15,000 (In Drive Thru) | \$100 (In Drive Thru) | \$4,000 (In Drive Thru) | \$25 (In Drive Thru) | 24-36 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| Microlabs Limited | ✓ | ✓ | \$10,500 | | \$7,000 | | 48 Hours | 4 Hours |
| Pure Jamaica Medical Center ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | | | |
| R.K Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (NMIA) | ✓ | ✓ | \$15,000 | \$100 | \$7,500 | \$50 | 24-36 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| Suretime Emergency Medical Services Ltd | X | ✓ | | | \$7,500 | | | 15-20 Minutes |
| Technological Solutions Limited ⁽⁵⁾ | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,500 | \$120 | \$6,000 | \$40 | 24-36 Hours | 2-4 Hours |
| Vein Centers of Jamaica | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,000 | | \$5,000 | | 24-48 Hours | 15 Minutes |
| Winchester Medical and Surgical Institute ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | | | |
| Windsor Wellness Centre | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,000 | | \$4,900 | | 24-48 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| CARIGEN ^[4] | | | | | | | | |
| MANCHESTER | | | | | | | | |
| MD Link ^[3] | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,000 | \$110 | \$6,000 | \$40 | 48-72 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| Microlabs Limited | ✓ | ✓ | \$10,500 | | \$7,000 | | 48 Hours | 4 Hours |
| ST. JAMES | | | | | | | | |
| Baywest Hospital | ✓ | ✓ | \$15,000 | \$100 | \$5,000 | \$35 | 24 Hours | 1 Hour |
| Hospiten | ✓ | ✓ | \$12,000 | \$75 | \$4,500 | \$30 | 24 Hours | 2-3 Hours |
| MD Link ^[3] | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,000 | \$110 | \$4,000 | \$25 | 48-72 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| Microlabs Limited | ✓ | ✓ | \$10,500 | | \$7,000 | | 48 Hours | 4 Hours |
| Oneness Health Centre Limited | ✓ | ✓ | \$15,000 | \$100 | \$4,000 | \$30 | 24-36 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| Oneness Medical Clinic | X | ✓ | | | \$5,000 | | | 30 Minutes |
| Pulseline Family Medical Center ^[6] | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 | | | 15 Minutes |
| R.K Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (Baywest) | ✓ | ✓ | \$15,000 | \$100 | \$5,000 | \$35 | 24-48 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| R.K Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (Fairview) | ✓ | ✓ | \$15,000 | \$100 | \$5,000 | \$35 | 24-48 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| Sekhmet Medical Limited | ✓ | ✓ | \$15,000 | \$130 | \$5,000 | \$45 | 48 Hours | 15 Minutes |
| ST. ANN | | | | | | | | |
| Complete Care Medical Centre | X | ✓ | | | \$6,000 | | | 10-15 Minutes |
| MD Link ^[3] | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,000 | \$110 | \$5,500 | \$35 | 48-72 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| ST. CATHERINE | | | | | | | | |
| Dr. Garg Medical Practice | X | ✓ | | | \$7,000 | \$48 | | 20-30 Minutes |
| Windsor Wellness Centre | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,000 | | \$4,900 | | 24-48 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| MD Link ^[3] | ✓ | ✓ | \$18,000 | | \$5,000 | \$30 | 48-72 Hours | 30 Minutes |
| Ria Medical Care | X | ✓ | | | \$6,000 | | | 15 Minutes |
| CLARENDON | | | | | | | | |
| SB Medical Centre | X | ✓ | | | \$8,000 | | | 30 Minutes |
| Shimac Laboratory Services | ✓ | ✓ | \$16,500 | | \$5,000 | | 24 Hours | 30 Minutes-1 Hour |
| WESTMORELAND | | | | | | | | |
| Bio-Tech Medical Laboratory | ✓ | ✓ | \$22,000 | \$150 | \$7,500 | \$50 | 48 Hours | 15 Minutes |
| Royale Medical Company Hospital & Clinics | X | ✓ | | | \$7,000 | \$50 | | 15-20 Minutes |
| R.K Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (Sav.) | ✓ | ✓ | \$15,000 | \$100 | \$7,500 | \$50 | 24 Hours | 30 Minutes |

Key:

- Cells highlighted in red signify the highest price for that test amongst the medical facilities surveyed in that parish.
- Cells highlighted in green signify the lowest price for that test amongst the medical facilities surveyed in that parish.
- Blank cells indicate that no price observations were made for that test amongst the medical facilities surveyed in that parish.

Notes:

- Telephone Survey conducted by the Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) between January 17 and 24, 2022.
- LRI Medical offers express PCR testing at a cost of \$20,000 for results in 12 hours and \$25,000 for results in 6 hours.
- MDLink offers concierge PCR testing at your home at a cost of \$18,000 (110 USD), while the Antigen test cost \$8,500 (60 USD).
- No price data was obtained from this facility.
- Technological Solutions offers express PCR testing at a cost of \$15,000 (100 USD) for results in less than 24-hours.
- PulseLine Family Medical Centre offers the Covid Antigen test at a cost of \$7,000 for subsequent visits.
- This publication will be updated periodically when verified price data becomes available.
- List of approved laboratories obtained from MoHW website; accredited lab and pre-accredited medical entities obtained from the JANAAC website.
- Telephone verification obtained for all prices.

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, 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 focuses 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/Pre-accredited laboratories and other medical facilities. Consumers are advised to report to the CAC, any excessive pricing observed in the marketplace.



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