# THE END OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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As of May 11, 2023, the United States will no longer be in a COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

## What is the Public Health Emergency?

The United States has been in a Public Health Emergency since the COVID-19 pandemic started in March 2020. Things the government has done to protect people from COVID-19 have worked. The government is ready to end the Public Health Emergency.

## What will stay the same:

→ COVID-19 vaccines and treatments will still be available.

→ New tests, treatments, and vaccines can still be approved quickly by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
- Until the end of May 2023, individuals can continue to order tests for free from COVIDTests.gov (addresses are eligible if your last order was before December 15, 2022)

→ People with Medicaid will still be able to use telehealth.

→ Many people will continue to receive COVID-19 vaccines for free.

## What will change:

→ People may have to pay for some COVID-19 treatments the same way they pay for other medicines.

→ Some programs for people who use Medicaid will end. Some ended on May 11, 2023. Others will continue until November 2023.

→ Private insurance may not cover COVID-19 testing.

→ Labs will not have to report testing data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

→ People may not be able to get prescriptions for some medicines through telehealth. They may have to go to the doctor.

To learn how the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency may affect you, talk to your doctor or someone that helps you with your health.

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