



Consumer Alert™

Prices at Approved Private Sector Laboratories Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Jamaica as at February 18, 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								
Microlabs Limited	X	YES			\$6,500			Same Day
Biomedical/Caledonia Medical Lab	X	YES			\$8,000			24-48 Hours
Winchester Surgical and Medical Institute ^[2]	X	YES			\$8,000			24 Hours
Andrews Memorial Hospital	X	YES			\$10,000			24 Hours
MD Link	YES	YES		180 USD		70 USD	48-72 Hours	Before 24 Hours
Technological Solutions ^[1]								
CARIGEN ^[1]								
MANDEVILLE								
Microlabs Limited	X	YES			\$6,500			Same Day
MONTEGO BAY								
Microlabs Limited	YES	YES	\$20,000		\$6,500		24-48 Hours	Same Day
Baywest Hospital	YES	YES	\$20,000	200 USD	\$10,000	100 USD	48-72 Hours	24 Hours
Hospiten	X	YES			\$5,500	55 USD		24 Hours

Notes:
1. Telephone Survey conducted by the Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) on February 18, 2021.
2. No price data was obtained from these facilities ^[1]
3. Winchester Surgical and Medical Institute ^[2] charges \$10,000 on weekends for Antigen Test. An additional \$4,000 is charged for express service where results are provided in 3 Hours

4. List of approved laboratories obtained from MOH Website
5. Telephone verification obtained for all prices.
6. The table will be updated periodically when verified price data becomes available.

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 Laboratories. Consumers are advised to report to the CAC, any excessive pricing observed in the market.