



Consumer Alert™

Prices at Approved /Accredited /Pre-Accredited Private Laboratories /Medical Facilities Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Jamaica as at May 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								
3D Gynaecology Limited	✓	✓	\$20,500		\$8,500		24-48 Hours	30 Minutes
AIDS Health Foundation	X	✓			\$8,000			15-20 Minutes
Andrew’s Memorial Hospital	X	✓			\$7,000			12 Hours
BioMedical Caledonia Laboratory Ltd. ^[2]	✓	✓	\$25,000		\$8,000		5-7 Days	24-48 Hours
Central Medical Laboratory	X	✓			\$8,000			24 Hours
Dunrobin Medical and Wellness Centre ^[3]	X	✓			\$10,000 (Drive Through)			20-30 Minutes
					\$9,000 (Doctor’s Office)			
Fleet Diagnostic Laboratory	X	✓			\$8,000			24 Hours
Health Plus Associates	X	✓			\$8,000			5-10 Minutes
Health Renew Medical Center	X	✓			\$7,500			15-20 Minutes
Josk Medical Laboratory Services ^[4]	X	✓			\$8,000			45 Minutes
LRI Medical Laboratory Limited	✓	✓	\$20,500		\$7,500		4-24 Hours	30 Minutes
MD Link ^[5]	✓	✓	\$22,000	145 USD	\$8,500	50 USD	24-48 Hours	30 Minutes
			\$22,000 (Drive Through)	145 USD	\$7,500 (Drive Through)	50 USD	48 Hours	30 Minutes
Microlabs Limited	✓	✓	\$20,000		\$7,000		48 Hours	4 Hours
Pure Jamaica Medical Center	X	✓			\$8,500			15-20 Minutes
R.K Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (NMIA)	✓	✓	\$22,500		\$7,500		48-72 Hours	15-45 Minutes
Technological Solutions Limited ^[6]	✓	✓	\$22,500	150 USD	\$7,500	50 USD	36 Hours	24 Hours
Vein Centers of Jamaica	✓	✓	\$27,000		\$8,000		48-72 Hours	15-30 Minutes
Winchester Medical and Surgical Institute	X	✓			\$7,000 (Weekdays)			1 Hour
					\$10,000 (Weekends)			
Windsor Wellness Centre	✓	✓	\$22,000		\$8,500		48 Hours	30 Minutes
CARIGEN ^[7]								
MANDEVILLE								
Microlabs Limited	✓	✓	\$20,000		\$7,000		48 Hours	2 Hours
MONTEGO BAY								
Baywest Hospital	✓	✓	\$15,000	150 USD	\$7,500	50 USD	48-72 Hours	24 Hours
BioMedical Caledonia Laboratory Ltd. ^[2]	✓	✓	\$25,000		\$8,000		5-7 Days	24-48 Hours
Fairview Medical	X	✓			\$7,500			1 Hour
Hospiten	✓	✓	\$15,000	150 USD	\$5,500	55 USD	24 Hours	Same Day
J&J Pharmacy Limited	X	✓			\$8,000			20 Minutes
Microlabs Limited	✓	✓	\$20,000		\$7,000		48 Hours	15 Minutes
Oneness Health Centre Limited	✓	✓	\$22,500		\$8,000		24-48 Hours	Same Day
Pulseline Family Medical Center	X	✓			\$10,000			35 Minutes
R.K Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (Baywest)	✓	✓	\$22,500		\$7,500		24-48 Hours	30 Minutes
R.K Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (Fairview)	X	✓			\$7,500			35 Minutes
ST. CATHERINE								
Compassionate Care Medical Centre	X	✓			\$7,500			10-15 Minutes
Wellcare Medical Services	X	✓			\$8,000			10 Minutes
CLARENDON								
SB Medical Centre ^[8]	X	✓			\$8,000			48 Hours
Shimac Laboratory Services	X	✓			\$7,500			1-2 Hours
Sunshine Pharmacy Limited	X	✓			\$10,000			1 Hour
WESTMORELAND								
R.K Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (Sav.)	X	✓			\$7,500			15-30 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 May 17 and 18, 2021.

2. BioMedical only does PCR testing with a referral from a doctor. PCR Testing for travelling purposes is not conducted.

3. In-Office testing is only done if you are travelling and asymptomatic. Testing is only done between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

4. Josk Medical Laboratory offers group testing at \$7,500 when there is more than one person being tested.

5. MDLink offers **concierge antigen testing** in Kingston, St. Catherine, St. Mary, St. James, St. Ann, Trelawny, Westmoreland and Portland. The cost is \$10,000 (70 USD).

6. Technological Solutions offers express PCR results (under 24 hours) at a cost of \$37,500 (250 USD). A Covid-19 Antibody Test is also offered at a cost of \$8,500, with a 24 hour turn around time for results.

7. No price data was obtained from this facility.

8. SB Medical Centre offers express results (same day) at a cost of \$9000.

9. 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.

10. N/A - information not available at time of survey. 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 / Accredited /Pre-accredited laboratories and other medical facilities . Consumers are advised to report to the CAC, any excessive pricing observed in the marketplace.