



# Consumer Alert™

*Prices at Approved /Accredited Private Sector Laboratories Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Jamaica  
as at March 19, 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	YES			\$8,000			15 Minutes
Andrew's Memorial Hospital	X	YES			\$10,000			24 Hours
BioMedical Caledonia Laboratory Ltd.	YES	YES	\$25,000		\$8,000		5-7 Days	24 Hours
CARIGEN <sup>[1]</sup>	YES	X	\$20,000				24- 48 Hours	
Dunrobin Medical and Wellness Centre	X	YES			\$9,000 (In Office)			20-30 Minutes
					\$10,000 (In Drive through)			
Health Plus Associates	X	YES			\$8,000			15 Minutes
Health Renew	X	YES			\$7,500			15-20 Minutes
MD Link	YES	YES		200 USD		70 USD	48-72 Hours	Same Day
Microlabs Limited	YES	YES	\$20,000		\$7,000		48 Hours	4 Hours
Technological Solutions Limited	YES	YES	\$22,500	150 USD	\$7,500	50 USD	24-36 Hours	4 Hours
Winchester Medical and Surgical Institute	X	YES			\$8,000			24 Hours
Windsor Wellness Centre	YES	YES	\$22,000		\$8,500		48 Hours	30 Minutes
MANDEVILLE								
Microlabs Limited	YES	YES	\$20,000		\$7,000		48 Hours	n/a
MONTEGO BAY								
Baywest Hospital	YES	YES	\$20,000	200 USD	\$10,000	100 USD	48-72 Hours	24 Hours
Hospiten	X	YES			\$5,500	55 USD		Same Day
Microlabs Limited	YES	YES	\$20,000		\$7,000		48 Hours	n/a
Oneness Health Centre	X	YES			\$8,000			Same Day
Pulseline Family Centre	X	YES			\$10,000			15- 30 Minutes
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Private Doctor <sup>[2]</sup>	YES	YES	\$27,000		\$8,000		24-36 Hours	15 Minutes

## Notes:

1. Telephone Survey conducted by the Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) between March 15 and 19, 2021
2. Samples are collected by Microlabs Limited <sup>[1]</sup>
3. Private Doctor is not on the Approved or Accredited list but they work with an approved lab to conduct the PCR Testing; **WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THE APPROVED LABORATORY** <sup>[2]</sup>
4. List of approved laboratories obtained from MOH Website and accredited labs from JANAAC website
5. Telephone verification obtained for all prices.
6. The table will be updated periodically when verified price data becomes available.
7. 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. Consumers are advised to report to the CAC, any excessive pricing observed in the market.