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Thank you Graham, Havaa's dad, for your inquiry into finding reputable, at-home Covid tests!

There are a lot of purchase limits out there for at-home covid tests, so while I haven't yet found a place to just order unlimited tests, I've found a number of sources from which the school or families could order at-home tests for themselves. I've included links and relevant information. All the tests in these links are tests that are approved by the [FDA under its Emergency Use Authorization](#).

I also cross-referenced some lists from [Wired](#) and the [Wirecutter](#), both of which provide some useful links to places tests can be purchased, although many of those are major pharmacies which may be out of stock. All the places I could find that were offering to sell tests in bulk to organizations were selling the tests for at least \$10 more per test, so that's kind of a non-starter.

And if cost is an issue for anyone, it looks like people can be [reimbursed by their health insurance provider for up to 8 at-home tests per person per month](#).

On/Go (box of two tests): \$24.99 at [DemeTech.com](#) (no noted limit); [direct from manufacturer](#) for \$24 per box (**up to 80 boxes in one order**); \$30.00 at [ro.com](#) up to 1 bulk box of 20 tests for \$300

iHealth (box of two tests): \$19.80 at [iHealthlabs.com](#) (no noted limit)

FlowFlex (one test per box): \$9.99 at [CVS](#) (limit 6 per order); \$9.89 at [WellBefore](#) (limit 12 per order); \$7.99 at [Target](#) (limit 5 online)

QuickVue (2 tests per box): \$23.99 at [CVS](#) (limit 6 per order); \$24.95 at [WellBefore](#) (but currently sold out)

BinaxNOW (2 tests per box): \$23.99 at [CVS](#) (only in stores--sold out in most metro locations, but some in Farmington as of this email)

People can also use automated shopping sites and apps to help keep them apprised of when tests come into stock, and then snap them up at that point. There's a decent article summarizing the use of these sites and apps over at [CBS.com](#). I'm inclined to try out [FindACovidTest.org](#) and an app called Honey to see how it goes.