

## Memorandum

TO:

Kevin Jackson, Village Manager

FROM:

Theresa Chapple, Director of Public Health

FOR:

Village President and Board of Trustees

DATE:

05/03/2023

SUBJECT:

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration Ends on May 11, 2023

The public health emergency (PHE) declaration and some accompanying legislation will end May 11, 2023. This ends the U.S. response to COVID-19 as an emergency. This does not end the pandemic, which only the World Health Organization can declare. With the ending of the PHE, the availability and access to some services will change.

## Overview of services that will end and services that will remain the same:

Service	What will change	What remains the same
COVID-19 Vaccines	<ul> <li>Private insurance no longer required to cover vaccines w/o cost-sharing</li> <li>Temporary Medicaid option to provide uninsured with free vaccines ends</li> <li>100% federal Medicaid matching payments for vaccines ends Sept 2024</li> </ul>	Federally purchased vaccines still free of charge while supply lasts
COVID-19 vaccinations by pharmacists	<ul> <li>Pharmacists will not longer be able to vaccinate children under 3</li> </ul>	
COVID-19 At- Home Tests	<ul> <li>Those with private insurance and Medicare will no longer receive 8 free tests per month</li> <li>Temporary Medicaid option to provide uninsured with free tests ends</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uninsured will still pay for at-home tests, unless they access federally-purchased tests</li> <li>Free tests through Medicaid (until Sept 2024)</li> </ul>
COVID-19 Lab Tests	Insured will still have coverage for lab testing but may begin cost sharing	Medicare beneficiaries will continue to receive provider-ordered testing at no cost

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COVID-19 case reporting	Laboratories mandatory reporting requirements of COVID-19 cases will end	
Telemedicine	<ul> <li>Some flexibilities will end, including telehealth visits for controlled substances and treatment for those addicted to Opioids</li> <li>Temporary waiver of penalties against providers using technologies that don't comply with federal privacy and security rules (i.e. HIPAA) will end.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Private insurance coverage that already covered telehealth</li> <li>Most states have made, or plan to make, most telehealth flexibilities permanent.</li> <li>Medicaid beneficiaries will have access to expanded telehealth flexibilities (until Dec 2024)</li> </ul>
Medicaid continuous enrollment	Continuous enrollment will end, meaning states can begin disenrollments.	
Food assistance	<ul> <li>SNAP emergency allotments end</li> <li>SNAP benefits for college students end (June 2023)</li> <li>Pandemic food benefits for young adults in shelters will end</li> <li>EBT childcare benefits for children under 6 ends</li> <li>EBT benefits for school age children ends (Sept 2023)</li> </ul>	
Student loan assistance	Repayment pauses will end	
Border restrictions	Title 42 will end. It prohibited border control agencies from holding migrants in congregant settings, like holding stations, due to the likelihood of the rapid spreading of COVID-19.	
Funeral assistance	FEMA funeral assistance ends	

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