Ending the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

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The United States government renewed the Public Health Emergency for 90 days. If COVID-19 trends continue or get better, this will be the last time it is renewed. If this is the last time, we will no longer be in a COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as of May 11, 2023.

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What is the Public Health Emergency?

The United States has been in a Public Health Emergency since the COVID-19 pandemic started. Things the government has done to protect people from COVID-19 have worked. The government is ready to end the Public Health Emergency.

03 ## What will stay the same?

- COVID-19 vaccines and treatments will still be available.
- New tests, treatments, and vaccines can still be approved quickly by the Food Drug Administration.
- People with Medicare or Medicaid will still be able to use telehealth.
- Many people will continue to receive COVID-19 vaccines for free.

To learn how the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency may affect you, talk to your doctor or someone that helps you with your health.

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04 ## What will change?

- People may have to pay for some COVID-19 treatments the same way they pay for other medicines.
- Some programs for people who use Medicare and Medicaid will end. Some will end on May 11, 2023. Others will continue until November 2023.
- Medicare Part B coverage for COVID-19 lab testing will stay the same, but over the counter tests will no longer be free.
- Private insurance may not cover COVID-19 testing.
- Labs will not have to report testing data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- People may not be able to get prescriptions for some medicines through telehealth. They may have to go to the doctor.

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