End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency FAQs

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We understand there are some questions about what exactly the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency means. The Logan County Health District is your go-to resource for all your public health needs and strives to keep our community as informed as possible.

Does the end of the public health emergency mean COVID-19 is over?

Unfortunately, no. While COVID-19 cases are down sharply from the peak of the pandemic, the end of the emergency declaration does not mean the virus is no longer a threat. The virus remains a leading cause of death in the United States, and around 250 Americans die every day from the virus.

Will COVID-19 vaccines still be available now that the public health emergency has ended?

The availability, costs, and access to COVID-19 vaccines will NOT be impacted by the end of the public health emergency. Vaccine access, cost, and distribution are determined by the supply of federally purchased vaccines, and as long as the federal supply of vaccines lasts, COVID-19 vaccines will remain free to all people, regardless of insurance coverage.
Once the federal supply of COVID-19 vaccines is depleted, vaccines will continue to be available and free for most people with public and private insurance. The Logan County Health District is committed to providing COVID-19 vaccinations for our community.

Will free COVID-19 test kits be impacted by the public health emergency ending?

Yes, the end of the public health emergency declaration will impact coverage for COVID-19 testing, including at-home, PCR, and rapid tests.   People will need to check with their health insurance company to determine if they are still eligible for free COVID-19 test kits. The Logan County Health District is committed to continuing to provide free COVID-19 test kits to the community for as long as we are able to get supplies.

Will COVID-19 treatments be impacted by the public health emergency ending?

COVID-19 treatments purchased by the federal government, such as Paxlovid, will continue to be free to the public, regardless of insurance coverage.
COVID-19 treatments not purchased by the federal government may require a co-pay. People will need to check with their health insurance company to determine their eligibility.