How and where can I get a COVID-19 test in the Tucson area?

What should I expect?

What to expect when getting a COVID-19 test :

On these pages, you'll find lots of details about how, where, and when you can get a COVID-19 test in Tucson. Keep in mind that some of these details may change, so make sure to call or visit the website of the location that you'd like to visit first, if possible.

Some basics:

- Most of the testing sites listed here are **free**
- Most of these locations require appointments
- Some locations offer only drive-through service and require that you stay in your vehicle. At the testing site, either a healthcare worker will reach into your car and perform the test for you or you will be asked to do it yourself and given clear instructions for doing so
- Locations offering walk-in testing require social distancing
- **You will be required to wear a face mask in *all* of these testing sites** - walk-up and drive through - except when you are being given the COVID-19 test
- You will never be asked to reveal health information apart from your COVID-19 symptoms (if any) and any health conditions that you have that could make you more at-risk from COVID-19.
- *You will never be asked about your or your family's immigration status*.

What to expect when getting a COVID-19 test:

There are three kinds of tests: **Rapid (also called "antigen")**, **PCR**, and **antibody**

Rapid (antigen) tests and **PCR tests** detect whether you *currently have COVID-19*. They are also sometimes called "diagnostic" tests because they can help diagnose you with COVID-19.

Antibody tests detect whether you have *previously* had COVID-19 in the past few months. Antibody tests *will not* tell you if you currently have COVID-19.

Rapid (antigen) tests
- Will provide results in between 15 minutes and a few hours
- Are not as reliable as PCR tests
- Will not detect COVID-19 as well in asymptomatic individuals (those without COVID-19 symptoms) as those with symptoms
- May need to be repeated

PCR tests
- Will *usually* provide results within 48-72 hours
- Are more reliable than rapid (antigen) tests

Scheduling COVID-19 tests for children and teenagers

In Tucson:

- **Children under the age of 2** must visit an urgent care clinic, hospital ER, or established healthcare provider's office for testing. The child will be assessed by a healthcare provider before testing is conducted. Call the clinic, hospital, or healthcare provider's office if you have questions about insurance coverage or cost.
- **Children ages 2+** can be tested for a fee, without a healthcare assessment but by appointment, at Rescue Me Wellness (more info here; register here)
- **Children and youth ages 5+** can be tested for free, without a healthcare assessment but by appointment, at the following locations (see slides for more information on each site):
  - All Pima County testing sites (Kino Events Center, Udall Park, Ellie Town/ Flowing Wells Community Center, TEP Building/ PCHD Downtown, Tucson International Airport)
  - All ASU/ADHS testing sites (Pima Community College West, Pima Community College Desert Vista, Pima Community College East, 400 W. Congress St parking garage)

Scheduling COVID-19 tests for children and teenagers:

Registering your child or guardee for a test with Pima County:

- If you have already registered yourself on the Labfinder/ Paradigm Laboratories webpage (available here and on these slides), after you select the appointment time and location for your child **you will log in with your own login information**
- If you do not already have an account for yourself, create that account **before attempting to register your child or guardee for a test**
- You will be asked a series of screening questions. *No matter your answers, you/ your child are still eligible for the test*
- Following that, you will be asked whether you are registering yourself or someone else for the test - select "someone else." You will be asked to input their information.
- Following that, you will click the button "book appointment" and you're done!

Registering your child or guardee for a test with ASU/ADHS:

- Every individual being tested must have **their own** login information. You will be asked to provide an email address for each individual. *Parents/ guardians can use their own email addresses for children but each child must be associated with a different email address.*
- Once you have created an account for your child (go here to register), the site will ask you whether you want to "Schedule or view my appointments" or "View my lab results" - select "Schedule or view my appointments" and then "Schedule an appointment."
- You will be asked to enter your mailing address. Then, press the green "Continue" button.
- You can select date and location from the drop-down boxes on the following page and then press "Search for appointments." **Note that many of these locations are in Phoenix – make sure to select one of the Pima Community College locations. Also note that these locations are closed between Dec 23, 2020 and Jan 1, 2021**

COVID-19 Testing Locations Available by day of the week
More details on all of these locations on the following pages!

Monday:

- Downtown Tucson Testing Center (Tucson Electric Power Building)
- Kino Events Center
- Udall Park
- Tucson International Airport
- Pima Community College West Campus
- Banner Urgent Care
- Fastmed Urgent Care
- Rescue Me Wellness
- ARCPoint Labs

Tuesday:

- Kino Events Center
- Udall Park
- Tucson International Airport
- El Pueblo Center
- Banner Urgent Care
- Fastmed Urgent Care
- ARCPoint Labs

Wednesday:

- Downtown Tucson Testing Center (Tucson Electric Power Building)
- Kino Events Center
- Udall Park
- Ellie Towne/ Flowing Wells Community Center
- Tucson International Airport
- Pima Community College Desert Vista Campus
- Banner Urgent Care
- Fastmed Urgent Care
- Rescue Me Wellness
- ARCPoint Labs

COVID- 19 Testing Locations Available by Day of the Week
More details on all of these locations on the following pages!

Thursday:

- Kino Events center
- Udall Park
- Tucson International Airport
- 400 W Congress - Parking Garage
- El Pueblo Center
- Banner Urgent Care
- Fastmed Urgent Care
- Rescue Me Wellness
- ARCPoint Labs

Friday:

- Downtown Tucson Testing Center (Tucson Electric Power Building)
- Kino Events Center
- Udall Park
- Ellie Towne/ Flowing Wells Community Center
- Tucson International Airport
- Pima Community College East Campus
- Banner Urgent Care
- Fastmed Urgent Care
- Rescue Me Wellness
- ARCPoint Labs

COVID-19 Testing Available on Weekends
More details on all of these locations on the following pages!

Saturday:

- El Pueblo Center
- Kino Events Center
- Udall Park
- Banner Urgent Care
- Fastmed Urgent Care
- Rescue Me Wellness
- CVS Pharmacy (may vary by location)
- Walgreens (may vary by location)

Sunday:

- Ellie Towne/ Flowing Wells Community Center
- Banner Urgent Care
- Fastmed Urgent Care
- Nextcare Urgent Care

Free Pima County COVID-19 testing sites

What to expect at a Pima County COVID-19 testing site:

1. Appointments are required for all Pima Co testing sites (schedule here). Individuals 5 years and older are eligible. *Double-check testing sites and days here*.
2. **Face masks must be worn at all times** except for the moment in which your COVID-19 test is being conducted
3. Upon arrival, you will be asked whether you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. If you are, you will be sent to the "symptoms" line. If not, you will be sent to the "no symptoms" line, at a separate entrance.
4. You will wait in line at a safe distance from others; spots are marked on the floor 6 ft apart from each other. You must enter alone *unless* you need assistance. Elderly adults and children can be accompanied.
5. After entering, your temperature will be taken. If it is elevated, and you said that you had "no symptoms," you may be sent to the "symptoms" line. This does not mean that you have COVID-19; it is just a safety measure.
6. You will be asked your name; you do not need to present a driver's license
7. At the next station, you will be given some papers with information about COVID-19, including how to contact others who you may have infected *if* the results of your test are positive for COVID-19.
8. When the test is conducted, you will briefly pull your mask down under your nose (keeping your mouth covered). A swab - similar in appearance to a long q-tip - will be placed high inside your nose and moved around gently for several seconds. You may feel as if you need to sneeze or cough; this is common. Both nostrils will be swabbed.
9. After the test, you will pull your mask back up over your nose and you're done! Results are generally available at the web address that officials provide you with in about 72 hrs (3 business days).
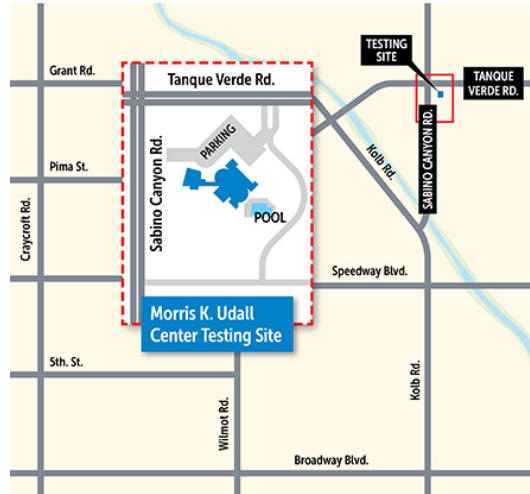
Free Pima County COVID-19 testing sites - by appointment:
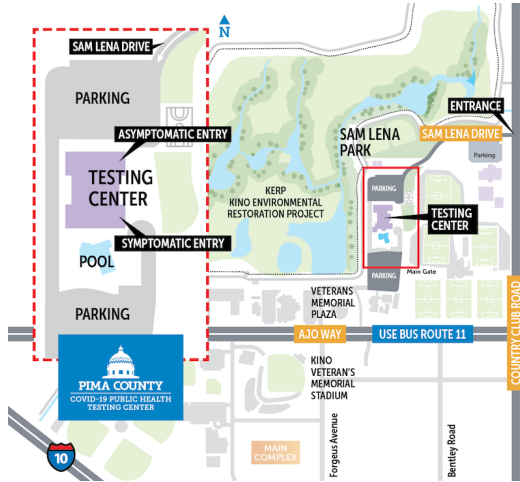
Kino Events Center
2805 E. Ajo Way

- Monday-Saturday
- 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
- By appointment (schedule **here** or call 855-452-2346)
- PCR test via nasal swab
- Results expected in 48-72 hours

Udall Park
7200 E. Tanque Verde Road

- Tuesday-Saturday
- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- By appointment (schedule **here** or call or call 855-452-2346)
- PCR test via nasal swab
- **Results expected in 48-72 hours**

Ellie Towne/ Flowing Wells Community Center
1660 W. Ruthrauff Road

- Wednesdays & Fridays
  7:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon)
- Sundays
  7:00 am – 1:00 pm
- By appointment (schedule **here**)
- PCR test via saliva sample
- Results expected in 48-72 hours

Free Pima County testing sites - by appointment; walk-ins *may be available*:

Downtown Tucson Testing Center
Appointments preferred; walk-up testing may be available depending on space

- PCR via nasal swab
- Individuals 5 years or older eligible
- Conducted outside the Tucson Electric Power Headquarters building

Click here or call 855-452-2346 for appointment scheduling.
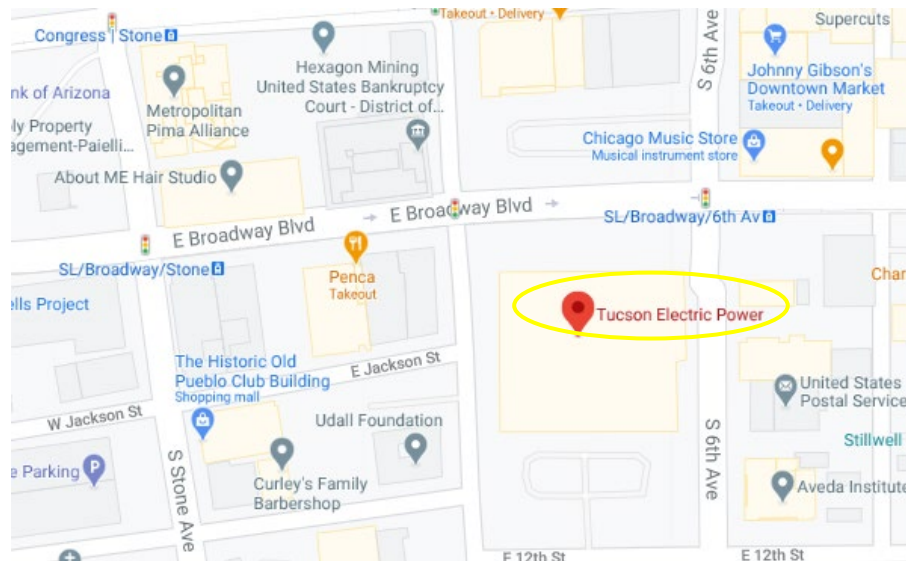
Tucson Electric Power Building
88 E Broadway Blvd
Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Free Pima County & Tucson International Airport testing site - by appointment:

Tucson International Airport

- Testing is available to anyone for **free**; *airport parking fees do apply*
- Nasal swab/ PCR test
- Results within 72 hours
- [Register here](#) *(walk-ins may be available)*

Location: Lower level of airport - baggage claim area - near baggage carousel 4 (Alaska Airlines) and 5 (Southwest Airlines)

Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Free ASU/ AZ Dept of Health Services Drive-through Testing Sites - by appointment:

TO REGISTER FOR TESTING AT ANY ASU/ ADHS TESTING SITE:

Schedule your appointment using a cell phone, tablet, or computer using these steps:

- Log in: https://asubioempportal.pointnclick.com/
- Enter agency code: SALIVATEST
- Once logged-in to the portal, click on "Appointments" to make your appointment - you will be asked to pick a date and a testing location. After scheduling your appointment, you will receive a bar code – you will need this for your appointment, so consider taking a screen shot (phone) or photo of your screen (computer/ tablet)
- Individuals 5 years and older are eligible
- You will receive instructions by email and text message for how to prepare for your testing appointment (do not eat or drink anything for 30 minutes before your appt)
- Arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to your appointment; you must bring an ID
- All ASU/ADHS testing sites take **saliva** samples and use PCR testing. These *are not* rapid tests. Results are expected within 48 hrs
- ALL ASU SITES CLOSED DEC 23, 2020 – JAN 1, 2021
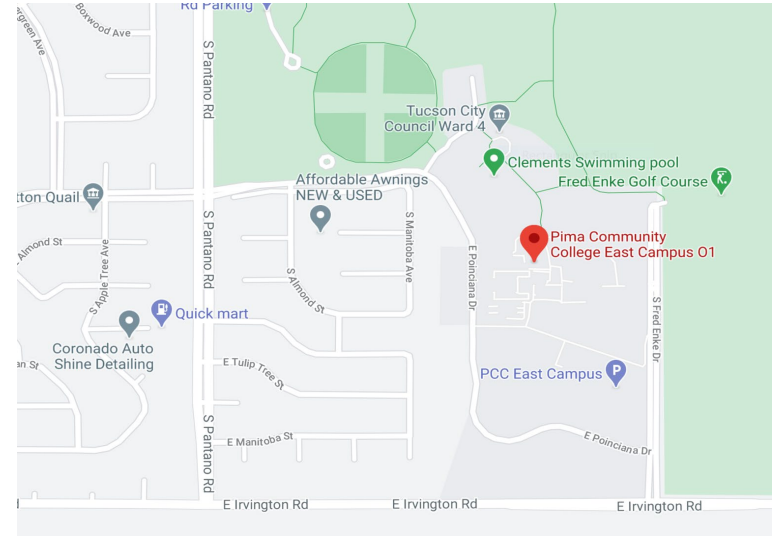
Pima Community College East Campus
8181 E. Irvington Rd., Tucson, AZ 85709

- ○ Fridays (ending April 2, 2021)
- ○ Drive-through
- ○ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)
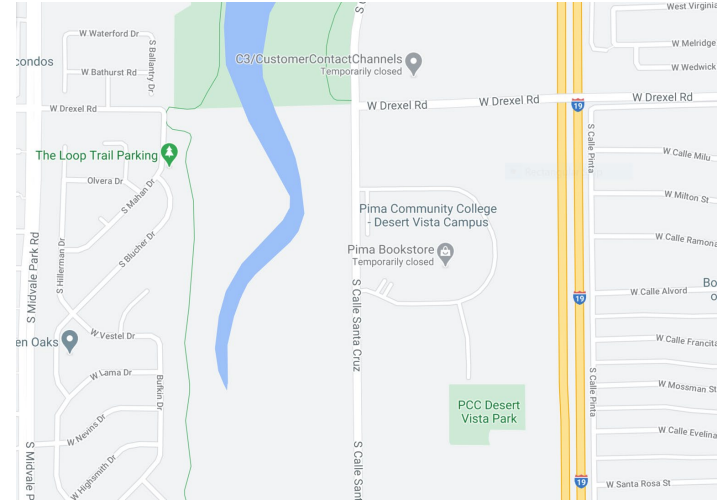- ○ Results expected within 48 hrs

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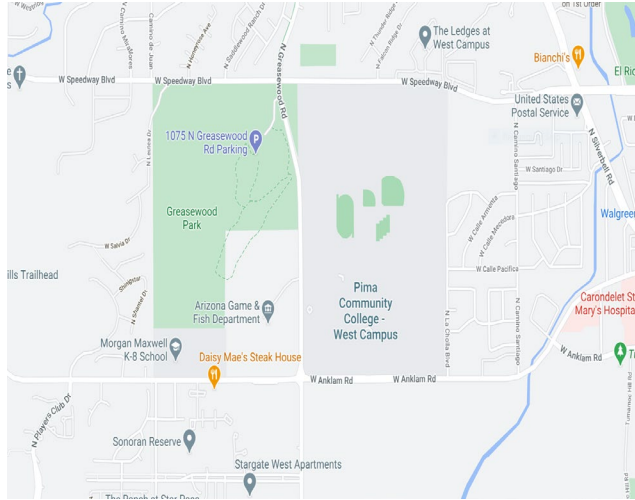
Pima Community College West Campus
2202 W Anklam Rd., Tucson, AZ 85709
- Mondays only (ending March 29, 2021)
- Drive through
- 9 a.m – 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- Results expected within 48 hrs

Pima Community College Desert Vista Campus
5901 S. Calle Santa Cruz, Tucson, AZ 85709
- Wednesdays only (ending March 31, 2021)
- Drive through
- 9 a.m – 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- Results expected within 48 hrs

Free ASU/ AZ Dept of Health Services In-person Testing Site - by appointment:

As with the ASU drive-through testing sites, you can register for an appointment at the in-person 400 W Congress parking garage site in the following way:

- Log in: https://asubioempportal.pointnclick.com/
- Agency code: SALIVATEST
- Once logged-in to the portal, click on "Appointments" to request an available appointment time. After scheduling, you will receive a bar code.
- You will receive instructions by email and text message for how to prepare for your testing appointment (do not eat or drink anything for 30 minutes before your appt)
- Arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to your appointment and remember to bring your bar code (screenshot or photo ok)
- If you have any scheduling issues, please email COVID19info@asu.edu
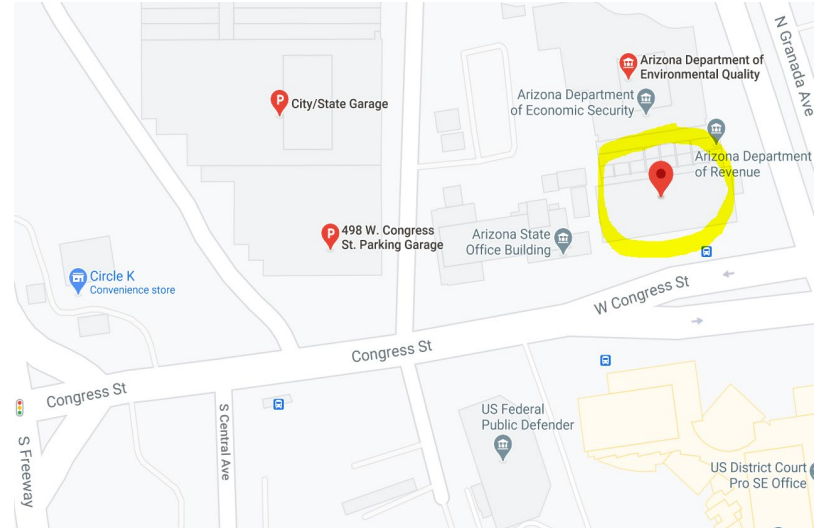
400 W Congress - Parking Garage
Thursdays only
6:00-9:00 a.m.
Results expected within 48 hrs

Free City of Tucson & El Rio Health COVID-19 testing at El Pueblo Center - by appointment:

Location: El Pueblo Center, 101 W. Irvington Road, Building 9

- PCR test via nasal swab

To schedule appointment, call El Rio Health (520) 670-3909 during the following hours:
  - Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Testing times:
  - Mondays, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

EL PUEBLO REGIONAL CENTER
101 W. Irvington Rd. • (520) 791-5155

Testing at Rescue Me Wellness

Locations - by appointment:

1. 4601 E 5th Street, Tucson AZ 85711
2. 2505 N Dodge Blvd, Tucson AZ 85716

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturdays, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Individuals 2 years and older are eligible
- PCR testing (nasal swab OR saliva) Walk
- For appointment, register here
- Walk-ins usually accepted
- Cost of COVID-19 test: $69

POP-UP TESTING – no appointment needed - in partnership with City of Tucson Mayor's office:

Check here for weekly pop-up locations *when available* offering mobile clinic testing at various sites in Tucson
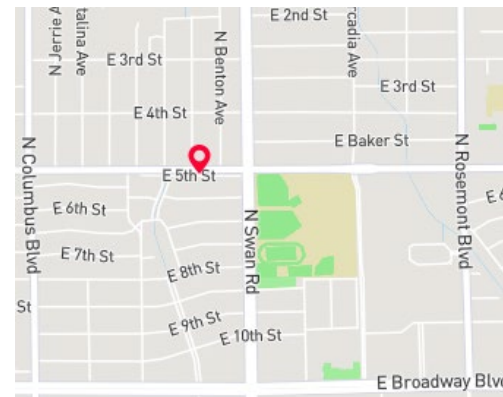
CVS Pharmacy - By appointment; drive-through only

Locations:

1. 2385 N. Silverbell Road, Tucson, AZ 85745
2. 615 North Alvernon, Tucson, AZ 85711
3. 3832 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716
4. 5100 East Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85716
5. 1900 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ 85746
6. 6310 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85710
7. 6488 North Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

Rapid (antigen) testing (rapid test, nasal swab - results within hours). Ages 12+

Only available with insurance

PCR Testing (nasal swab - results usually in 48-72 hrs). Ages 12+

Available with insurance (check your specific coverage) or self-pay $139
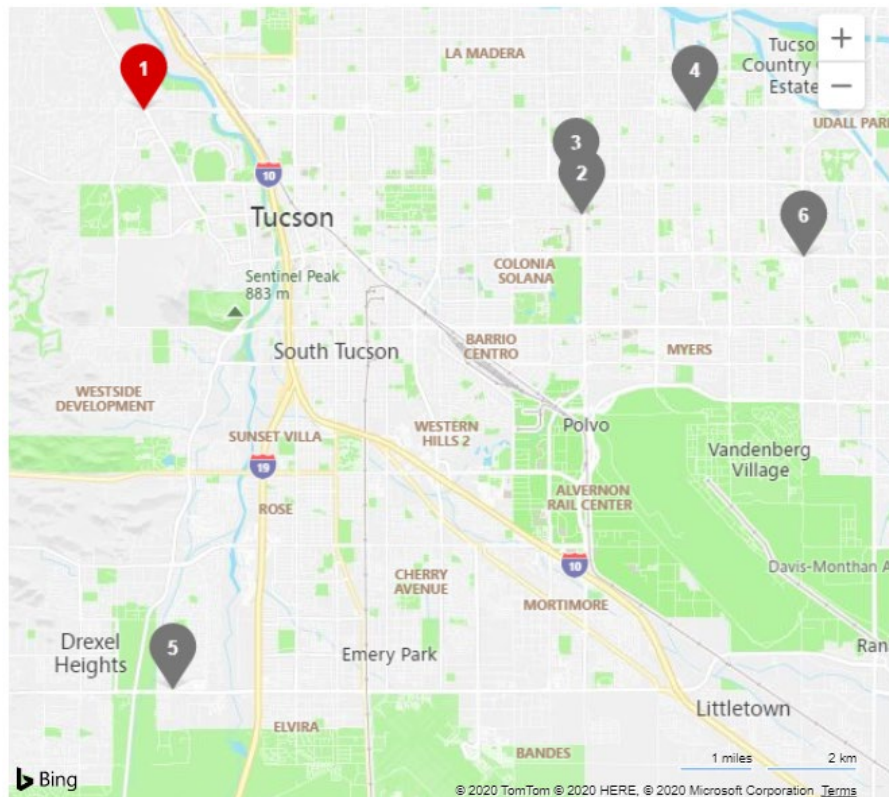
Walgreens - By appointment; drive-through only

Free with most insurance or government assistance

Locations:

1. 1415 W River Rd, Tucson, AZ, 85704
   - PCR test (results within 72 hrs)
2. 525 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ, 85706
   - Antigen test (results within 24 hrs)
3. 730 E Grant Rd, Tucson, AZ 85719
   - Antigen test (results within 24 hrs)

- Available to individuals aged 3+
- Out-of-pocket costs (if no insurance):

  - PCR (results within 72 hours): $129
  - Rapid (antigen) test (brand ID NOW, results within 24 hours): $129
 - Rapid (antigen) test (brand BinaxNOW, results within 1 hour): $49
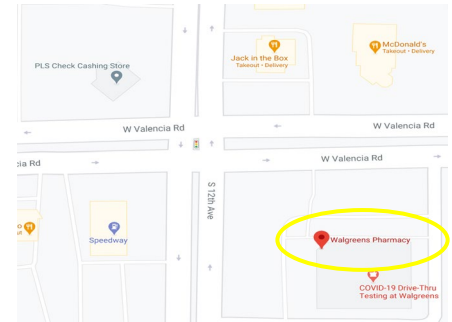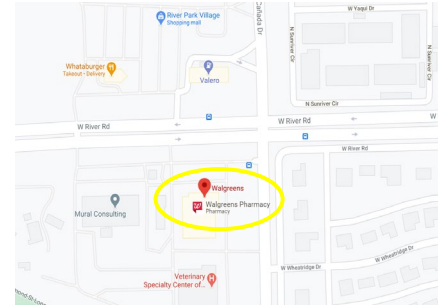
Southern Arizona Urgent Care Plus

Locations

1. 446 N Campbell Ave Suite 130, Tucson, AZ 85719
2. 6303 E Broadway Blvd Suite 161, Tucson, AZ 85710
3. 6572 E Grant Rd Ste 130, Tucson, AZ 85715
4. 1218 W Irvington Rd, Tucson, AZ 85714
5. 90 W River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704
6. 1040 S Harrison Rd Suite 120, Tucson, AZ 85748

- **Appointments Monday-Sunday** (all days of the week)
- Rapid (antigen) testing & PCR testing
- In-person screening required
- Most insurance accepted
  - May be additional cost; price varies depending on insurance
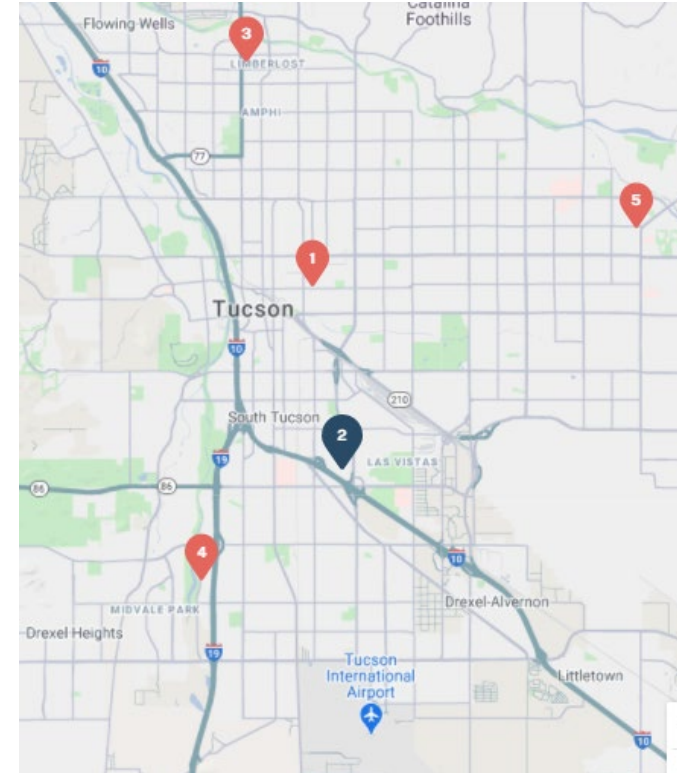
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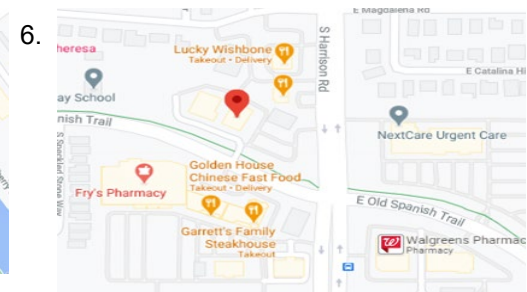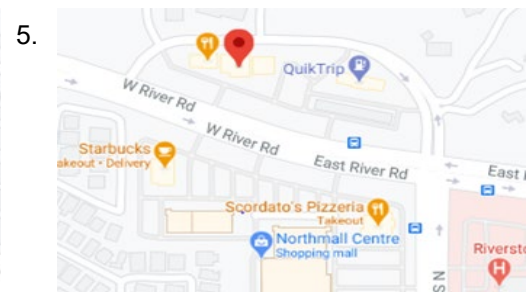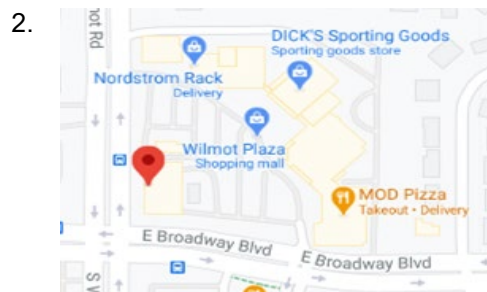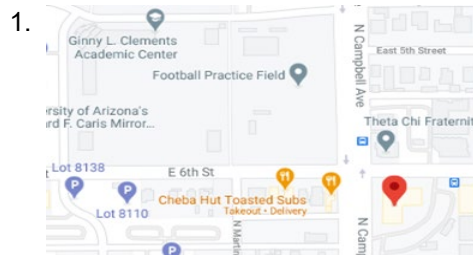
NextCare Urgent Care - by appointment:

Locations
1. 501 N Park Ave Suite 110 Tucson, AZ 85719
2. 1570 E Tucson Marketplace Blvd, AZ 85713
   - Drive-through test
3. 4280 North Oracle Road #100, Oracle Wetmore, AZ 85705
4. 5369 S Calle Santa Cruz, AZ 85706
5. 6238 E Pima St, AZ 85712

In-office testing
- Available all days of the week (Monday-Sunday)
- Rapid (antigen) testing
- Antibody testing also available. Antibody testing *does not determine whether you currently have COVID-19*.
- Appointments include consult with a NexCare healthcare provider; *Provider will determine whether individual (any age) meets criteria for COVID-19 test →*
- **One** or more of the following criteria must be met for testing: COVID-19 symptoms present; Lives/ works in a high-transmission community; First responder/ Healthcare professional; Essential worker; Lives/ works in congregate setting (for instance, group home); Test needed for medical or dental procedure; Has traveled or attended a high-risk event (concert, rally, etc.) recently; Needs test for upcoming travel

Most insurance accepted - Click here to schedule & check in online

Banner Urgent Care – by appointment:

Locations:

1. 5545 E Broadway Blvd. Ste 101 Tucson, AZ 85711
2. 7066 Golf Links Rd. Tucson, AZ 85730
3. 3611 N Campbell Ave. Tucson, AZ 85719
4. 7089 N Thornydale Ste 101 Tucson,AZ 85741

Monday-Sunday (every day of the week)
8:00 AM- 9:00 PM

- PCR testing via nasal swab
- Results expected within 2-7 days
- All insurances accepted
- Self-pay cost: $150
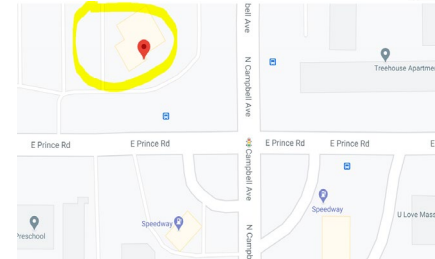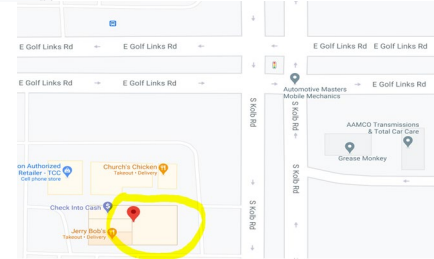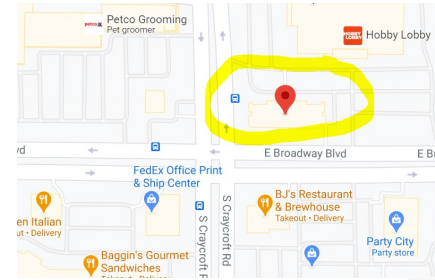
Fastmed Urgent Care

Locations:

1. 2510 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716
2. 1895 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ 85746
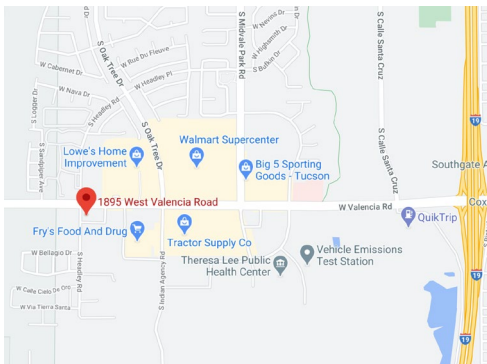3. 2460 N Swan Rd, Tucson, AZ 85712
4. 5594 E 22nd St, Tucson, AZ 85711

- Mondays – Sundays, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- PCR test via nasal swab
- Available to ages 2+. Children younger than 5 must be evaluated by a healthcare provider first.
- Testing is **only available via self-pay**: $200

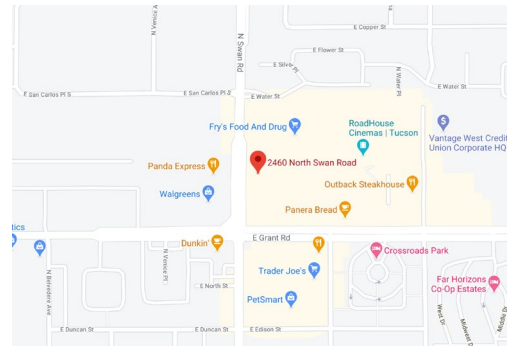Check in [here](#) to reserve your place in line. *This is not an appointment* but will save you time at the clinic.
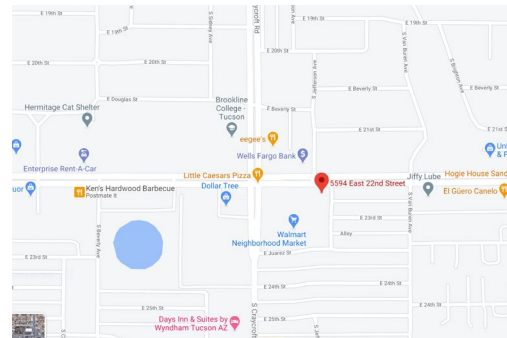
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ARCPoint Labs – **No insurance accepted**

Location:

6401 S Country Club Rd. Suite 105 Tucson, AZ 85706

Mondays – Fridays, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm – by appointment

Saturdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – no appointment needed

- Rapid (antigen) test via nasal swab: Out-of-pocket cost: $125. Results available in 20 min.
- PCR test via nasal swab: Call for price. Results available in 1-5 days.
- Make an appointment by calling: 520-230-8900