



CARES Act

FAQs: Support for Patients, Health Care Workers, and Students Entering Workforce

How much will my test cost?

- The CARES Act and the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act, both recently signed into law, ensure patients who need COVID-19 testing will not be charged for the test service. This includes copays, coinsurance, or deductible amounts.

What's being done to increase testing?

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the private sector are working closely together to rapidly develop and manufacture more test kits. The private sector stepped in to develop new tests, and the FDA is working with the manufacturers through an expedited approvals pathway to get tests out in the field as quickly as possible. For information about Utah testing guidelines, health care providers can visit: <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/recommendations-for-providers/>.
- The Test Utah initiative is a partnership between Silicon Slopes Services, state leaders, and private businesses to help "Crush the Curve." The Test Utah goal is double Utah's COVID-19 testing capacity and combat virus spread. Utahns can visit [Test Utah](#) to take a health assessment, connect with a test if needed, and help trace the spread.
- If you think you or a loved one may be experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, you can access a new [screening tool](#), developed by CDC and Apple, to assess whether a test may be necessary.

Does the bill do anything to address the shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies?

- Yes. The CARES Act provided at least \$16 billion in additional funding to invest in critical testing supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies for the Strategic National Stockpile, increased workforce and training, and medical research into COVID-19. The legislation also included a bipartisan [measure](#) introduced by Senator Romney to strengthen the U.S. medical device and drug supply chain, prevent future shortages, and ensure hospitals have the necessary equipment and supplies.
- In addition, several government and private sector organizations are also coordinating donations of medical supplies, including in Utah.
 - [Utah COVID-19 PPE Community Donation Drive](#)
 - [FEMA Offers Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19](#)

Is there an estimated time when we can stop social distancing?

- The Administration has announced that federal social distancing guidelines will remain in effect through at least April 30, 2020. The best way to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your neighbors is to practice social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines. Some states and localities have adopted more stringent standards as necessary. Utah has implemented "Stay Safe, Stay Home" guidance that will be in effect through April 13, 2020. For more, visit: <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/>.

What's being done to help students just graduating who will now have a challenge entering the workforce?

- The CARES Act suspended federal student loan payments, principal and interest for 6 months, through September 30, 2020, without penalty.
- Federal student loan borrowers are automatically being placed in an administrative forbearance, which means they do not have to make monthly loan payments, through September 30, 2020. However, borrowers can still choose to make payments during this time if they wish. More info is available [here](#).