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COVID-19 Expiration Dates Extended

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued a [statement](#) regarding the expiration dates of at-home COVID-19 Diagnostic tests. The FDA does not recommend using at-home COVID-19 diagnostic tests beyond their authorized expiration dates due to the potential for degradation or breakdown of materials over time. However, the expiration dates of at-home COVID-19 diagnostic tests may be extended as additional stability data is collected.

Individuals are advised to check the Expiration Date column of the [List of Authorized At-Home COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests](#) or to visit the manufacturers' website for updated expiration information.

Updated "Modest Meal" Prices Announced

The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has recently published a public notice defining the [current dollar limits](#) for "modest meals." [Rules](#) regarding receipt and acceptance by prescribers of anything of value from pharmaceutical manufacturers to ensure that such relationships do not interfere with prescribers' independent professional judgement are established under New Jersey Administrative Code. The rules permit prescribers who are not speaking or providing services at promotional activities to accept modest meals provided by manufacturers through promotional activities.

The current dollar limits have been calculated using the consumer price index. (CPI) For 2022, the modest meal limits are \$17.00 for breakfast and lunch and \$35.00 for dinner. This is a per prescriber limit.

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