

National Landscape of Pharmacist Authority to Test and Initiate Treatment Respiratory Conditions by State

Test and Treat provides critical access to healthcare services for patients.

While all 50 states have some level of CLIA-waived diagnostic testing available through pharmacies, the following states authorize pharmacists to order and/or administer point-of-care tests, and initiate therapy based on the results for respiratory illnesses such as, but not limited to, flu, and COVID-19.

| State | Authority for Respiratory Conditions | Year Enacted |
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| Alaska | Authority to prescribe for minor conditions diagnosable with CLIA-waived tests | 2022 |
| Arkansas | Authority to treat conditions identified by CLIA-waived tests | 2021 |
| Colorado | Authority to prescribe treatments guided by CLIA-waived diagnostic tests | 2021 |
| Delaware | Authority to order, test, screen, and treat for flu, strep, COVID, and other respiratory illness | 2022 |
| Florida* | Authority to prescribe for flu, strep, and other respiratory conditions | 2022 |
| Idaho | Authority to prescribe treatments based on CLIA-waived diagnostic tests | 2018 |
| Illinois | Authority to test and treat for flu, strep, COVID-19, RSV, and other respiratory conditions | 2024 |
| Iowa | Authority to test and treat for any condition within the pharmacist standard of care | 2024 |
| Kansas* | Authority to initiate treatments for flu, strep, and COVID-19 | 2022 |

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| Kentucky* | Authority to test and treat for flu, strep, and COVID-19 | 2022 |
| Michigan | Authority to test for COVID, flu, and other respiratory infections and prescribe treatments for COVID and flu | 2023 |
| Montana | Authority to prescribe for minor conditions diagnosable with CLIA-waived tests | 2023 |
| New Mexico | Authority to test and treat for flu, strep, COVID-19, and other conditions | 2023 |
| Tennessee | Authority to test and treat for flu and COVID-19 upon positive CLIA-waived tests | 2024 |
| Virginia | Authority to test and treat for strep, flu, and COVID-19 | 2023 |

** Authorities for these states are extended via physician protocol.*