

## Learn More about COVID-19 Testing in The Berkshires

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Berkshire Health Systems' three COVID-19 Testing Centers have been added to the state's **Stop the Spread program**, expanding community testing and providing **free testing** for those who qualify under the state program.

The **Stop the Spread program** was created by Governor Charles Baker as a way to provide **cost-free surveillance testing for individuals who are asymptomatic and want to be tested for COVID-19**. Testing will also continue to be conducted at the three centers for those who symptomatic or had close contact with someone who has tested COVID-19 positive, the cost of which will be covered by the individual's insurer.

The Centers are located in:

- **Pittsfield** – 505 East St., St Luke's Square, adjacent to BHS Urgent Care – Open seven days a week from 8:30 am to 4 pm
- **North Adams** – 98 Church St., next to the North Adams Library – Open seven days a week from 8:30 am to 4 pm
- **Great Barrington** – 475 Main St., next to the Great Barrington Police Department –Open seven days a week from 8 am to 12 pm

### **How to Access a BHS Testing Center**

Access to COVID-19 testing, either through the Stop the Spread program or for symptomatic testing, **is by appointment only**. Individuals must call the BHS COVID-19 Hotline, 855-BMC-LINK, or 855-262-5465, which is available daily from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

\*BHS continues to operate a toll-free hotline for questions and concerns surrounding COVID-19, which is available seven days a week from 8 am to 4:30 pm, and is at **855-262-5465**.

**You can find more information on the following websites:**

<https://www.berkshirehealthsystems.org/coronavirus>

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/when-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine>

And, testing is available (usually at no cost, billed to your insurance) at CVS in Lenox – call them or go on the website below for more information:

<https://cvshealth.com/covid-19/testing-locations>