

U.S. Sen. Baldwin: Presses Biden administration to ensure easy access to COVID-19 rapid tests

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Tim Kaine (D-VA) led colleagues in urging the Biden Administration to ensure easy access to rapid COVID-19 tests for Americans across the country.

In a letter Friday, the Senators pressed the Biden Administration to take needed steps to streamline access to at-home testing. The letter comes after the Biden administration announced additional actions to combat COVID-19, including through rapid COVID-19 tests.

“As you work to draft guidance to allow Americans with private health insurance to be reimbursed for rapid, at-home COVID-19 tests, we urge you to take steps to make this process as seamless as possible for individual patients,” **the Senators wrote.** “Rapid tests are a critical tool in slowing the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. As the nation continues to battle the spread of the Delta variant and confronts the spread of the more infectious Omicron variant, easy access to free rapid COVID-19 tests will be even more important.”

The letter was also signed by Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT). You can read the letter [here](#) and below.

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