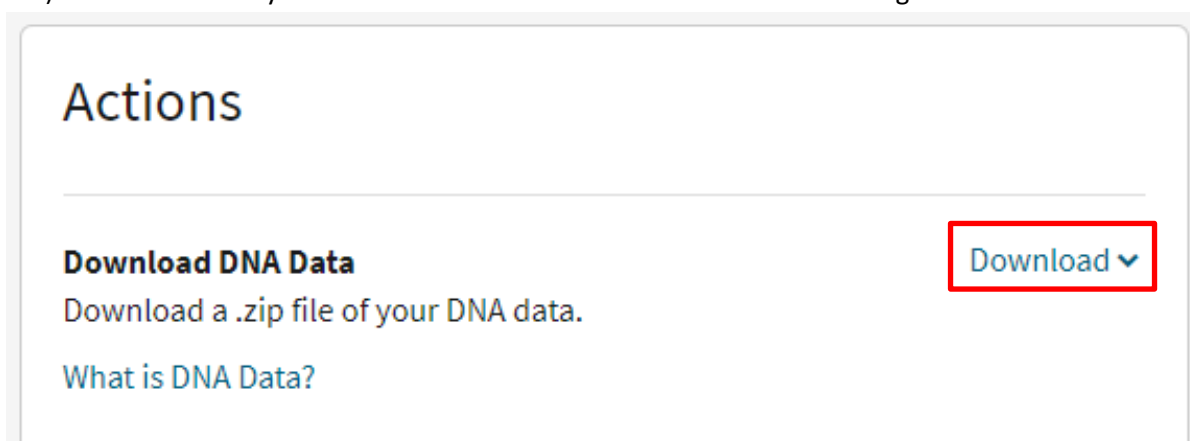


Download Raw DNA from Ancestry to Upload to Another Service

[Video Link](#)

Step by Step Instructions to Download Raw DNA from Ancestry

- 1) Go to DNA Tab, click on Your Results.
- 2) Click on Settings in the upper right corner.
- 3) Scroll all the way to the bottom to the Actions area under Test Management.



- 4) In Download Raw DNA, click the download button to the right of the title.
- 5) Enter your Ancestry password if needed.
- 6) Read the disclaimer that says “I understand that after my DNA data is downloaded, the downloaded copy will not be protected by AncestryDNA’s security measures. When I download my DNA data, I assume all risk of storing, securing, and protecting my downloaded data.”
- 7) Click the check box acknowledging that you understand the disclaimer.
- 8) A message will pop up that says, you are “Almost there...” and to go check your email for further instructions. Be sure to check the email address that is associated with your Ancestry account.

Download DNA Data

Almost there...

Please check your inbox for an email from us. Then follow the instructions to begin your download.

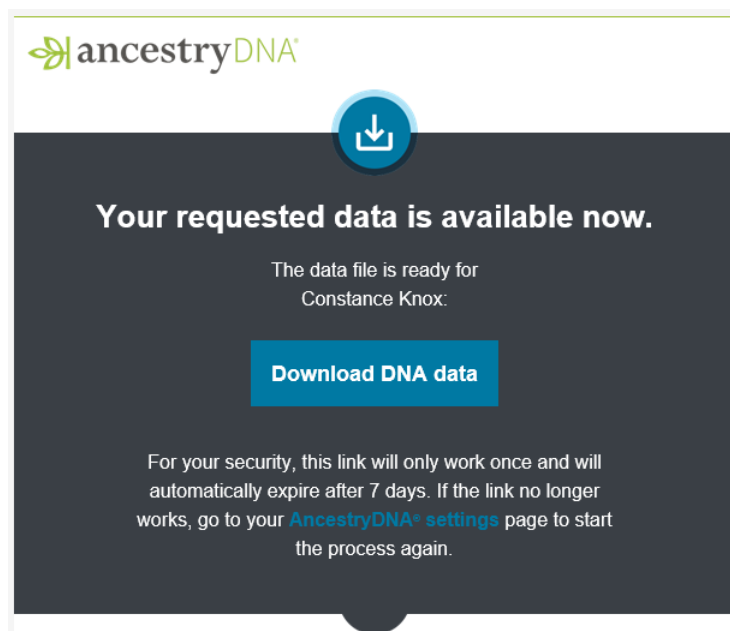


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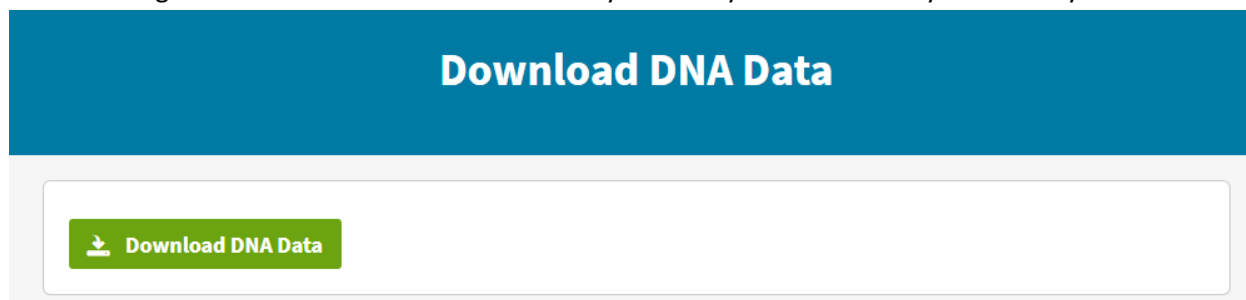


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- 9) Find the email from AncestryDNA and click on the big blue button that says, “Download DNA data.” It will redirect you back to a private page on Ancestry with your DNA data link.



- 10) On the private page on Ancestry, click the green button that say’s “Download DNA Data.” All this bouncing back and forth between the Ancestry site and your email is for your security.



- 11) Look in your download folder for the raw DNA .zip file. It will download to your default download folder. For most, this will be in the Downloads folder in your explorer app. You may see it in the lower left corner of your window (for Windows users).



- 12) Either drag it to your desktop or right click and “save as” to a folder you can find later, when you are ready to upload it to other services.
- 13) Do not open the zip file. You will want to upload it as a zip, just the way it is, to the other services. See other videos on [Genealogy TV \(YouTube\)](#) for how to upload to other services (as they become available).

Other Services

Once you have downloaded your Raw DNA from Ancestry (as a zip file), you are ready to upload it to other places like, MyHeritage, 23andMe, FindMyPast (uses LivingDNA), LivingDNA, Gedmatch, FamilyTreeDNA, and more. Most of these services allow for uploading for free.

Keep in mind that Ancestry has well over 18 million test kits, more than any other service. Therefore, the number of cousin matches may not be as numerous as on Ancestry, but you may find different cousins on these other services that might be the key to unlocking your next research question.

Also know there are slight differences in the way they search and deliver the centimorgan counts, so expect minor variations between companies if you see the same match on various services.

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Please make sure that you read disclaimers and follow instructions from the other sites you wish to upload your DNA. Make sure you understand how your data is going to be shared publicly.

When downloading another test (for another person) you manage, make sure you have written permission from that person before downloading. Be clear with them on where you are uploading and the permissions. REMEMBER: The DNA belongs to the person who took the test. They have full say in what happens with it.

How to Download Another DNA Test for Someone Else You Manage

- 1) Go to DNA Tab, drop down to Summary Results.
- 2) Go to View Another Test in the upper right corner. You can only do this with other test kits that you manage. Drop down and choose the test you want to download.
- 3) Repeat Steps 3-13 above.

It is wise to get written permission from other DNA test takers you manage so there is no confusion about where you are transferring their DNA. Dr. Blaine Bettinger has created a set of forms you can use to gain permission from others. You can [find these forms here](#).