

# State Sponsored COVID-19 Testing Program for Community Partners

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The State of California has set up a program for community partners to provide COVID-19 testing in your community. This offer is available to groups such as health care facilities, employer groups, faith-based organizations and community-based organizations.

### What This Program Offers:

- ✓ **Turn-key solution to testing** with a single registration and requisition IT platform.
- ✓ **Consistent supply of PCR test kits**, and the option of also using COVID-19 antigen testing for rapid results.
- ✓ **Reliable state-sponsored lab** with consistent turnaround of test results within 24 to 48 hours.



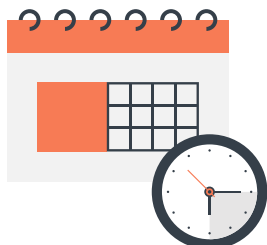
### Additional Details:

- You do not need to be a medical professional to implement the program.
- The cost for use of the state sponsored services is essentially free to your organization and those being tested.
- Staffing and coordination would be your responsibility (please refer to FAQs).

For more information, visit the [\*\*State Sponsored Testing Program for Employees and Organizations.\*\*](#)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q: How much time does it take to go from applying to actually starting to test?



Organizations can expect to conduct their first round of testing within 3 to 4 weeks, followed by 2-3 days for sample processing and reporting.

### Q: What are the steps required for my organization to start COVID-19 testing?

Organizations can start testing following an easy 8-step process:

- 1 Create your collection plan and fill out the interest form.** Define your:
  - Target population
  - Testing volume and frequency
  - Set-up and execution timeline
- 2 Complete onboarding checklist after CDPH approval.** Checklist includes providing physical space, procuring PPE, recruiting and training staff, setting up technology and hardware, and arranging sample shipping.
- 3 Complete MOU and onboarding form** to engage the State and begin the onboarding process with Color.
- 4 Register with Color** and onboard staff to the platform. This will allow you to streamline your process flow and promptly begin testing.
- 5 Order kits** through Color management platform to receive the appropriate number of kits and ship back boxes to fit your testing needs.
- 6 Supervise sample collection:**
  1. Register individuals
  2. Supervise self collection
  3. Provide each person with a card and custom bar code to access test results via SMS or email
- 7 Ship your specimens to the state.** Return tests to the lab using the shipping materials provided with collection kits.
- 8 Reporting and Billing.** If applicable, monitor the Color platform for patient results and the lab will take care of billing insurance.

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## Q: What are my organization's responsibilities?

- Assess testing demand within your community
- Manage test kit inventory and request kits through state vendor
- Provide technology and physical space for sample collection
- Conduct community outreach to drive participation in testing
- Gather patient data and submit via a web accessible platform
- Securely dispose of any patient data collected on paper



- Collect samples at the collection site
- Support individuals with technology limitations to access test results
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). PPE may be available through the county's **MHOAC request process**
- Shipping samples to CDPH Valencia Laboratory within 24 hours of collection.

**Note:** Pending Public Health approval, PCR test samples can be dropped off at the two OptumServe testing sites before 6:30pm when these are open for courier service.

## Q: What are the State's responsibilities?

- Contract with vendors to provide test collection kits
- Provide community collection support services. Includes planning, onboarding, training and ongoing support
- Deliver patient registration system and test result monitoring and notification. Oversee sample processing in the laboratory.
- Ensure that CDPH Valencia Branch Laboratory delivers results within 24-48 hours of receiving samples.



- Pay for test processing and, as appropriate, recoup costs from insurance companies and the federal government through a third-party biller.
- Provide detailed instructions and guidance for operating collection sites, including shipping samples to the laboratory.
- Ensure individuals with a positive result receive follow-up (when collection site is unable to follow-up).