Testing Taskforce: New California COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths



14 day average Hospitalizations



7 day Average Deaths



Avg. test positivity past 7 days 7.9%, Up 1.7% from last week 45 counties had an increase in positivity rate of 1% or more Daily New case numbers have increased 6x since 2.5 months ago. 14 day average Hospitalizations have doubled since 2.5 months ago 7 day average Deaths remain at low levels.

> May 31, 2022 with data as of May 30, 2022. <u>https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/_https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/</u> <u>COVID-19 Cases Dashboard v2.0 - CA OpeNn Data | Tableau Public</u>



• Is it acceptable for HCP to use expired at home test kits?

- If Health care providers are testing because of the SPHO because they have an exemption for vaccination then no. These must be observed tests. People can use expired home tests if the control line changes in color as expected. If an individual tests negative on a home test and has symptoms of COVID-19 they should get a confirmatory molecular test.

• Can we use an antigen test with an expired CLR but an active CLIA?

- Renew your expired CLR. Contact Lab field services for further questions about your CLR: <u>LFSrenewals@cdph.ca.gov</u>

• Our HCW tested POSITIVE with an expired rapid antigen test. That same day, we tested with an unexpired antigen test, and the result was NEGATIVE. Can we disregard the positive test, since it was done using an expired test? Expired tests with positive results should be treated as positive. An individual could obtain a confirmatory molecular test if desired, but that individual should isolate.

Guidance for the use of expired home antigen tests: <u>https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/wp-</u>

content/uploads/sites/332/2022/03/Temporary-Extension-At-Home-Test-Expirations.pdf

CDC guidance for the use of expired CLIA waived and laboratory based tests.

https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/locs/2020/cms_guidance_for_the_use_of_expired_sars-cov-2_tests.html

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https://www.cms.gov/files/document/frequently-asked-questions-faqs-clia-guidance-during-covid-19-emergency-updated-12-17-2020.pdf