

Testing Taskforce: New California Confirmed COVID-19 Cases



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<https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/> <https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/>
[COVID-19 Cases Dashboard v2.0 - CA Open Data | Tableau Public](#)

[COVIDtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov)

4 Free COVID-19 OTC Antigen Tests per Address

- Recommend that everyone including all SNF residents order COVID-19 OTC antigen tests through COVIDtests.gov
 - These tests can be used to facilitate visitation to SNFs
 - Possibility that SNF residents may be unable to order if someone has already ordered tests at a multi unit address.
 - USPS recommends emailing here if this occurs.
 - [Email Us | The Postal Store Inquiry \(usps.com\)](https://usps.com/help/ask-usps)

Who Can Perform Swabbing for COVID-19 Tests?

- More information can be found in the COVID-19 for Laboratories FAQ under Laboratory Personnel
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/COVID-19FAQ.aspx#Laboratory%20Questions>

Licensed Personnel	Observe Self Swabbing	Anterior Nasal	Nasopharyngeal, Oropharyngeal
Medical Assistants	Yes	Yes	No
Physicians	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physicians Assistants	Yes	Yes	Yes
EMTs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Registered Nurses	Yes	Yes	Yes
LVNs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Psychiatric Technicians	Yes	Yes	Yes
CNAs, Home Health Aides, Certified Hemodialysis Technicians	Yes	No	No
Respiratory care practitioners	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pharmacists	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pharmacy Technicians	Yes	Yes	Yes

**For questions about other licensed personnel,
contact appropriate licensing board for information on scope of practice**

Steps in Performing CLIA Waived Antigen Tests

Steps	Who Can Perform Step?
Conduct nasopharyngeal (NP) or oropharyngeal (OP) or anterior nasal swab.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most licensed professionals• Medical assistants can perform anterior nasal swabbing only <i>(CNAs, home health aides cannot)</i>
Observe self swabbing	Any Trained Individual
Add reagent to test	Any Trained Individual
Read, interpret, report test results	Any Trained Individual

Over the Counter Tests vs. Professional CLIA waived Test

OTC Home Test Kits	Professional CLIA waived test kits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most kits contain 2 tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BinaxNOW contains 40 tests per box
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual dropper with reagent fluid for each test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 single bottle with reagent fluid for 40 tests
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No performance of control by user required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires performance of controls under direction of CLIA lab director
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLIA waiver is NOT required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLIA waiver and lab director REQUIRED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-Test is Allowed.• Comply with SPHO: Visitor testing must be observed.• In order to ensure these tests remain as OTC, and not fall under CLIA regulatory requirements, the entire test needs to be performed and read by the individual being tested. It is acceptable to have an observer watch the individual perform the test and verify the result, <u>however the individual performing the test must read their own result first before verifying their result with the observer.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-Test Not Allowed, Visitors cannot test themselves. CLIA waived tests cannot be used as OTC tests.• Comply with SPHO using a CLIA waived test: Visitor self-swabs under observation and facility staff performs test.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reporting to NHSN/CalREDIE: Reporting is NOT required if individual performs self-tests entirely by themselves (Individual should report positive results to their PCP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reporting to NHSN/CalREDIE: All results need to be reported (negative, positive, indeterminate).