



# CDPH COVID-19 Testing Updates

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# The End of the CDPH At-home Testing Program

- CDPH is currently providing direct distribution of:
- OTC tests through **Feb 29, 2024\***  
\*while supplies last
- Professional tests to facilities with their own CLIA-waiver and state facility license through **June 30, 2024\***  
\*these professional tests have extended expiration dates through July 2024.
  - Order professional CLIA-waived tests  
here: <https://labsupport.powerappsportals.us/ordercovidprofessionaluse/>
- For testing needs in an emergent scenario (outbreak etc.) beyond these deadlines, please reach out to your local health department.
- Thanks to you, CDPH has distributed 107 million at-home tests over the past 3 years!

# Eligible Organizations

- Many organizations are eligible for tests including:
  - Skilled Nursing Facilities
  - Elder Care Facilities
  - Long-Term Care Facilities
  - Programs serving those >65 years
  - Community based organizations that serve the elderly and populations at-risk of severe COVID-19
  - If you are unsure if your organization is eligible, please email [OTCTesting@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:OTCTesting@cdph.ca.gov)

# Ordering Deadlines, Expiration Dates and Storage Information

- At-home tests for residents, staff, and visitors who have symptoms.
- Last day to order is February 29, 2024

Ordering Timeframe	Order Request	Test FDA Extended Expiration Dates
1/19/24-2/29/24	2-month supply of tests	Late 2024/early 2025

- 2 tests per box
- Store between 36-86°F
- Order here: <https://labsupport.powerappsportals.us/ordercovidotc/>
- For more information, please access the [SNF/Elder Care/Long Term Care At-Home Testing Resources](#).

# Additional ways to obtain COVID-19 tests

- *Insured? You may be eligible for tests. Read more here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested/>*
- Fall 2023, U.S. households can order free COVID-19 tests mailed to their home: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>
- [Home Test to Treat](#) offers free tests and free treatment (if eligible) for COVID-19 at home [www.test2treat.org](http://www.test2treat.org). \* As of December 8, 2023, eligible individuals that sign up for Home Test to Treat will be sent COVID/Flu tests to use and home treatment options available will include COVID and Flu treatment (depending on the test result).

# Your at-home tests are likely not expired!

- Most printed expiration dates are not correct and have been extended.
- Orasure by IntelliSwab brand was recently extended by the FDA; many of these tests have been extended to early 2025!
- Check to see the correct expiration date on the [FDA website](#)
- Replace tests that are older than the **extended** expiration dates.
- If newer tests are not easily available, you may use an expired test as long as the internal control line remains valid.
- CDPH cannot accept the return of expired at-home tests. Please access the [Test Disposal/Site Clean-up Instructions](#) for additional information on how to dispose of expired testing supplies.

# COVID/Flu A&B Multiplex Tests

- Skilled Nursing Facilities, Long-Term Care Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Community Clinics with their own CLIA and state facility licensing can request COVID/Flu A&B Multiplex Tests.
- Printed expiration dates on these tests are January 31, 2024, and they have been extended! Extended expiration dates on the COVID/Flu Multiplex tests is **October 31, 2024!**
- If you are an eligible facility with your own CLIA and you are interested in ordering COVID/Flu A&B Multiplex tests, please email [OTCTesting@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:OTCTesting@cdph.ca.gov) for information on how to order.

# Who can use at-home tests?

## When do I test?

- At-home tests should be performed and read by the individual being tested. Assistance MAY be provided by staff in certain cases.\*
- \*For details of when assistance may be provided, please see **Page 5** of [PIN 22-10-ASC--Addendum A: OTC COVID-19 Antigen Tests and CLIA Waiver Applicability](#).
- **CDPH** encourages that people test if they feel sick, after exposure for those that are high-risk, or before visiting high-risk people. [COVID-19-When to get Tested](#)

### When to get tested

#### If you have symptoms

Vaccinated or not, get tested immediately if you're feeling any [COVID-19 symptoms](#)<sup>2</sup>. If your first test is negative, test again 1 day later.

If your second test is negative and you are still concerned about COVID-19, consider a third test at least a day later or a laboratory-based test that your doctor could order for you.

#### If you are at higher risk

If you are more likely to become very ill from COVID-19, consider testing within 5 days after exposure even if you do not have symptoms. [COVID-19 medication](#) works best if started right away.

#### If you go to a high-risk setting or are around higher-risk people

Consider testing and masking before entering settings where persons at higher risk of severe disease are more likely to be present or in other settings when you are around people at higher risk of severe COVID-19. If you had an exposure in the last 5 days, test before entering.

Read more about COVID-19 risk in the [CDC Understanding Risk guidance](#)<sup>2</sup>.

#### If you travel

Learn more on how to [prepare for travel](#)<sup>2</sup>.



# There are many options available for getting a prescription for Covid-19 medications:

Identify a point person in your facility for communicating with providers about COVID-19 positive residents.

- Ask resident's provider for prescription.
- Discuss with resident representatives which COVID-19 treatment they want for their loved ones.
- Test-to-Treat and Telehealth Options: Utilize test-to-treat or telehealth options for residents, staff, or visitors who are unable to get an appointment with their provider within 24 hours of testing positive.
- Access the COVID-19 telehealth service by visiting [sesamecare.com/covid19](https://sesamecare.com/covid19) or calling 1-855-780-3855.
- This program will run to the end of February 2024. Visit [YouCanBeatIt.Org](https://YouCanBeatIt.Org) for information on additional telehealth options that are available beyond February 2024.

# Covid Treatments Resources & Toolkits



**TEST IT.**

**TREAT IT.**

Now there's medication to treat COVID-19.



**YOU CAN BEAT IT.**

Call your doctor or 833-422-4255 to ask for COVID medication.

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## POSITIVE FOR COVID-19? **TREAT IT!**

GETTING TREATMENT EARLY  
CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

- 1** Feeling sick?  
Get tested.
- 2** Tested positive?  
Ask about COVID medication.
- 3** Call your doctor, urgent care, or the state COVID-19 hotline at **833-422-4255** and ask about the COVID-19 medications.

Learn more at: [covid19.ca.gov/treatment](https://covid19.ca.gov/treatment)

Source: California Department of Public Health



## ¿TIENES COVID-19? **¡TOMA LA PASTILLA!**

TRATARLO DE FORMA TEMPRANA  
PUEDE MARCAR UNA GRAN DIFERENCIA

- 1** ¿Te sientes mal?  
Hazte la prueba.
- 2** ¿Salió positiva?  
Consulta por medicación para el COVID.
- 3** Llama a tu médico, centro de atención de emergencia o a la línea directa estatal para COVID-19 al **833-422-4255** y consulta por medicación para el COVID-19.

Obtén más información en  
[covid19.ca.gov/treatment](https://covid19.ca.gov/treatment)

Fuente: Departamento de Salud Pública de California



The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 Therapeutics Task Force wants to support you in getting ready for potential COVID-19 surges in your facility.

For more information, please access [COVID-19 Surge Readiness-Best Practices for Skilled Nursing Facilities](#)

[COVID-19 Treatment - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://covid19.ca.gov/treatment)

# Thank you

- For questions please contact [OTCTesting@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:OTCTesting@cdph.ca.gov)