



# CDPH COVID-19 Testing Updates

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# The End of the CDPH At-home Testing Program

- The test distribution programs that were under the Testing Task Force are now part of the Medical Countermeasure Unit in CID
- 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 through **June 30, 2024**
  - Order professional CLIA-waived tests here: <https://labsupport.powerappsportals.us/ordercovidprofessionaluse/>
- 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 Expiration Dates
Current- 12/20/23	2-month supply of tests	January 31, 2024
12/29/23 - 1/18/24	2-month supply of tests	February 29, 2024
1/19/24-2/29/24	6-week supply of tests	March 31, 2024

- 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
- 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.

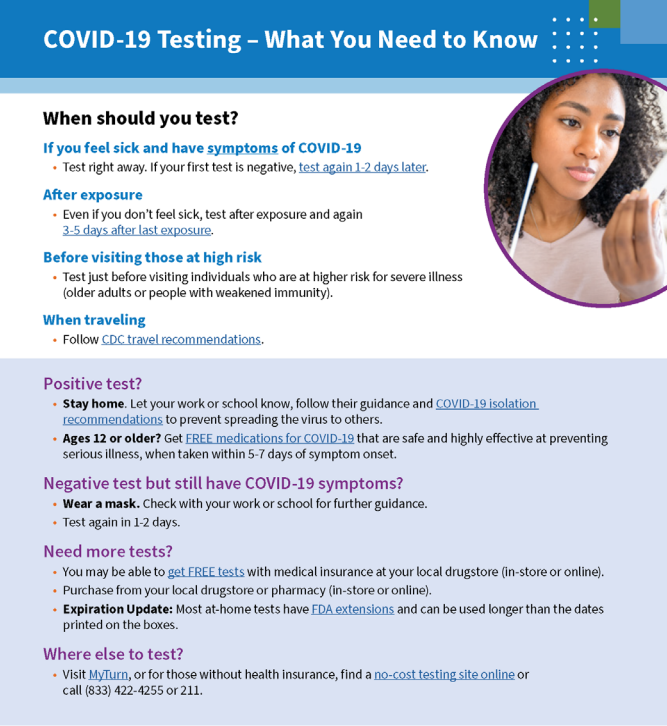
# Update on COVID/Flu A&B Multiplex Tests

- Skilled Nursing Facilities, Long-Term Care Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Community Clinics with their own CLIA and state 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](#).

COVID-19 Testing – What You Need to Know (PDF)  
[English](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#), [Armenian](#), [Chinese Simplified](#), [Chinese Traditional](#), [Hmong](#), [Khmer](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Russian](#), [Tagalog](#), [Thai](#) and [Vietnamese](#).



**COVID-19 Testing – What You Need to Know**

**When should you test?**

**If you feel sick and have symptoms of COVID-19**

- Test right away. If your first test is negative, [test again 1-2 days later](#).

**After exposure**

- Even if you don't feel sick, test after exposure and again [3-5 days after last exposure](#).

**Before visiting those at high risk**

- Test just before visiting individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness (older adults or people with weakened immunity).

**When traveling**

- Follow [CDC travel recommendations](#).

**Positive test?**

- **Stay home.** Let your work or school know, follow their guidance and [COVID-19 isolation recommendations](#) to prevent spreading the virus to others.
- **Ages 12 or older?** Get [FREE medications for COVID-19](#) that are safe and highly effective at preventing serious illness, when taken within 5-7 days of symptom onset.

**Negative test but still have COVID-19 symptoms?**


- **Wear a mask.** Check with your work or school for further guidance.
- Test again in 1-2 days.

**Need more tests?**


- You may be able to [get FREE tests](#) with medical insurance at your local drugstore (in-store or online).
- Purchase from your local drugstore or pharmacy (in-store or online).
- **Expiration Update:** Most at-home tests have [FDA extensions](#) and can be used longer than the dates printed on the boxes.

**Where else to test?**

- Visit [MyTurn](#), or for those without health insurance, find a [no-cost testing site online](#) or call (833) 422-4255 or 211.

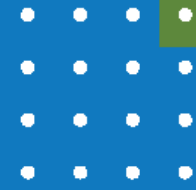
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# There are many options available for getting a prescription for Covid-19 medications:

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.
- Find a Test-to-Treat location near you. These sites can provide COVID-19 tests and prescribe COVID-19 medications. To find a site use the COVID-19 [Test to Treat Locator](#).
- Call 833-686-5051 or visit [sesamecare.com](https://www.sesamecare.com) to make a free phone or video appointment through California's COVID-19 telehealth service.

# 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

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