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CDPH COVID-19 Testing Updates

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The End of the CDPH At-home Testing Program

- Thanks to you, CDPH has distributed 107 million at-home tests over the past 3 years!
- The At-Home Testing Program is ending in February 2024
  - Last date to order is February 29, 2024*.
- The Professional Antigen Testing Program will end in June 2024.
  - Last date to order is June 30, 2024*
  - Facilities must have their own CLIA to be eligible to order
- * While supplies last

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

How 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_

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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.

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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 to make a free phone or video appointment through California's COVID-19 telehealth service.

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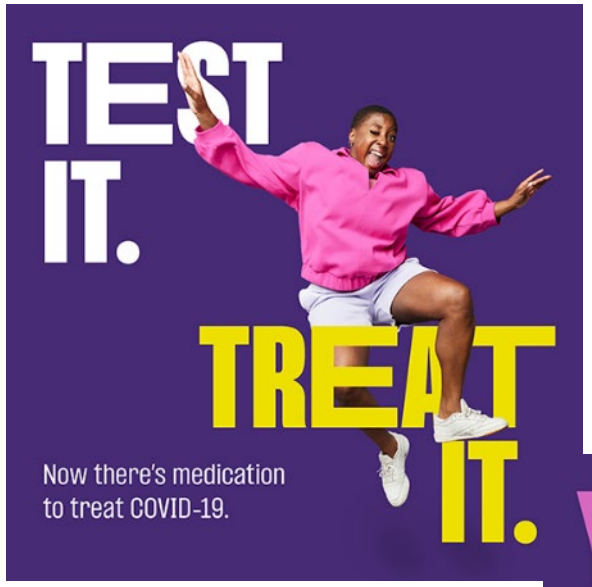
Covid Treatments Resources & Toolkits



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)

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Thank you

- For questions please contact OTCTesting@cdph.ca.gov

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