

# Testing Task Force Update

New tests reported: **1,107,805**

Average test positivity past 7 days : **2.4%**

up 0.2% from last week, down from 7.2% from early August

Average test turnaround time last week: **1.0 days**

- **< 2 days: 95%**
- **< 1 day: 78%**

Reported November 8, 2021 with data as of Nov 7, 2021.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/> <https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/>

[COVID-19 Cases Dashboard v2.0 - CA Open Data | Tableau Public](#)

# Expired antigen tests

- Per CMS, if unexpired point of care COVID antigen tests cannot be obtained, testing programs are allowed to use expired professional CLIA waived tests if the lab director of your CLIA waived lab establishes a written policy for this use. See link to CMS guidance here:
  - [https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/locs/2020/cms\\_guidance\\_for\\_the\\_use\\_of\\_expired\\_sars-cov-2\\_tests.html](https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/locs/2020/cms_guidance_for_the_use_of_expired_sars-cov-2_tests.html)
- This emergency expiration date guidance currently does not have an end date. However, it is expected that the emergency guidance will not last indefinitely. This emergency guidance only applies when in-date supplies are unavailable. Organizations are encouraged to use the expired tests as quickly as possible. If CDPH sends notification that the emergency guidance has ended, organizations must immediately cease using the expired tests.
- This extended expiration does not apply to the over the counter tests.
- **For questions regarding the Lab Advisory: CMS Guidance for the Use of Expired SARS CoV-2 Tests please contact CMS.**

# Testing guidance

- The state has released new testing guidance
- [Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Updated-2022-COVID-19-Testing-Guidance.aspx)
- The major changes include aligning with the CDC recommendation:
- After being in close contact with someone who had COVID-19
  - Everyone: test immediately if develop symptoms
  - Fully vaccinated: test in 5-7 days if remain asymptomatic
    - Previously was 3-5 days after close contact
    - No quarantine required for fully vaccinated individuals
  - Unvaccinated: Test immediately and again in 5-7 days
    - No change to quarantine recommendations

## **Confirmatory testing for antigen tests in [healthcare, long-term care and high-risk congregate settings](#):**

### **Symptomatic individuals with negative antigen test:**

Molecular test (PCR, LAMP, NAAT) confirmation within 48 hours and ideally within 24 hours

Isolate until confirmatory test results are available.

### **Asymptomatic and positive antigen test:**

No further testing needed.

Isolate for recommended period by CDC and CDPH.

If confirmatory testing is desired to assess for a false positive, repeat with a molecular test (PCR, LAMP, NAAT) within 24-48 hours.

### **Symptomatic and positive antigen test:**

No further testing needed.

Isolate for recommended period by CDC and CDPH