CDPH COVID-19 Testing Updates

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CDPH At-Home Testing Program Update

- CDPH is continuing to provide COVID-19 tests to support populations who are high risk for severe disease through ==February 28, 2025.== This program has been extended due to continued availability of federal resources.

- Skilled Nursing Facilities, Elder Care Facilities, Long-Term Care Facilities, Programs serving those >65 years, and Community Based Organizations that serve the elderly can request at-home tests through CDPH until February 28, 2025, or until testing resources are exhausted.

- **As of July 2, 2024, any order for at-home tests that exceeds 4,640 tests should be shipped directly to the LHD for local distribution.**

- The FDA extended expiration date on many of these tests will vary, with some tests being shipped out expiring between September 2024 and March 2025.

- Orders should reflect tests needed for residents only. Tests cannot be requested to provide to staff and/or visitors.

Order OTC tests here: https://labsupport.powerappsportals.us/ordercovidotc/

Professional CLIA-Waived Test Availability

Professional CLIA-waived tests:

CDPH no longer has an unexpired inventory of professional CLIA-waived tests. The CLIA-waived program ended on June 24, 2024. We also do not have an inventory of COVID/Flu Multiplex tests. Should any of these professional tests become available again, we will notify this group of their availability.

Additional ways for individuals to obtain COVID-19 tests

- Insured? Individuals may be able to obtain tests through their health insurance. Read more about how people with insurance can get free tests on the [CDPH How to Get Tested web page](#).
- If you have individuals that would like to get tested quickly, and do not have insurance, they can find a testing site near them via [Myturn.ca.gov](#).

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.

Thank you

- For questions, please contact OTCTesting@cdph.ca.gov
- You can also visit our new website: MCM Strategy Unit: COVID-19 Response