



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PROVIDER HEALTH ADVISORY

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COVID-19 Community Testing Sites to Close January 20

COVID-19 community testing sites in Grover Beach, Paso Robles, and San Luis Obispo will close on January 20 along with many others across California, following the loss of State funding. As a result, health care providers may see an increase in patients seeking testing, treatment, or both.

Testing Resources: Patients

Testing remains essential to preventing the spread of COVID-19. If patients inquire about testing and you do not offer this service, please help direct them to other resources:

- **COVIDtests.gov** delivers rapid tests to every household in the U.S. by mail so you have at-home tests when you need them. Order via a [simple online form](#).
- **Health insurance providers** (including employer plans, Medi-Cal, and Covered CA) are [required to cover the cost](#) of 8 rapid test kits per month, per member. Patients who need help using this benefit can visit slopublichealth.org/testing or call Public Health's support team at 805-781-5500.
- **Schools** may have available test kits for students and families.
- **Many urgent cares and pharmacies** provide PCR and rapid testing. See a list of testing locations at slopublichealth.org/testing.

Testing Resources: Healthcare Providers

- If needed, COVID-19 PCR testing is available through the Public Health Laboratory in San Luis Obispo for healthcare providers and first responders by referral. Please fax us a completed [COVID-19 Testing Referral Form](#) to request testing for healthcare providers and first responders in SLO County. Appointments are generally available the same day.

Treatment Resources: Patients and Healthcare Providers

Treatment of COVID-19 remains a high priority and is currently underutilized, even among patients at highest risk. Health officials strongly encourage providers and patients to consider treatment to reduce the risk of severe COVID-19. If patients inquire about treatment and you are unable to see them within 24 hours, please help direct them to other resources.

- **COVID-19 Treatment Resources & Guidance for Healthcare Providers:** bit.ly/CDPH-Treatment-Resources
- **Free COVID-19 telehealth appointments** are available for patients who don't have insurance or can't reach their regular doctor within 24 hours. If indicated, treatment may be prescribed at no cost. Visit sesamecare.com/covid or call 833-686-5051.
- **Test to Treat services** are available at pharmacies and urgent cares across SLO County. Visit slopublichealth.org/testing to find nearby Test to Treat locations.

For more information on testing, including a list of local testing providers, visit slopublichealth.org/testing or call SLO County Public Health: 805-781-5500.

Public Health Department

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www.slopublichealth.org

Please note: The Public Health Department does not provide COVID-19 testing for the purposes of pre-operative clearance.

Public Health Department Referral Form for COVID-19 Testing
Fax: (805) 781-5543

Please complete all fields on this form. Incomplete forms will be denied.

Referring doctor or supervisor name: _____

Referring doctor or supervisor phone: _____

Referring doctor or supervisor fax: _____

Referring doctor or supervisor email: _____

Person Completing This Form: _____ Phone: _____

Patient Name: _____ Patient DOB: _____

Check here if client consents to receive COVID-19 Test Results via Text Message Patient Mobile

Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Patient address: _____
Street City State Zip

Place of Work: _____

Symptoms: Cough Shortness of breath Headache Loss of taste/smell
 Fever Fatigue Muscle aches Runny nose
Diarrhea Vomiting/Nausea Chills/rigors Abdominal Pain
No symptoms
 Other: _____

Contact with known case of COVID-19? Yes No

Please indicated the patient's field of work:

Healthcare Long-term Care Homeless Shelters Corrections (Prison/Jail)
 First Responder Water / Wastewater Public Transportation Public Utility
 Veterinary Services Postal Workers City Public Works Agriculture
 Other: _____

Is the patient of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin?

Yes No Don't Know / Not Sure

Which one or more of the following would you say is the patient's race? (Check all that apply)

African American / Black American Indian / Alaska Native
Asian Pacific Islander
White Other: _____

Around when did the patient start feeling sick? (Leave blank if asymptomatic)

Other Comments: