



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 at the end of the day on January 20 along with many others across California following the loss of State funding. This may affect where and how long-term care (LTC) facility staff access PCR testing, which is especially important during outbreak response.

As a reminder: If PCR testing is not available, it is acceptable for symptomatic individuals to substitute two antigen tests, 48 hours apart.

Other testing resources for LTC staff include:

- **COVIDtests.gov** delivers rapid tests to every household in the U.S. via 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. Staff who need help using this benefit can visit slopublichealth.org/testing or call Public Health's support team at 805-781-5500.
- **Many urgent cares and pharmacies** provide PCR and rapid testing. See a list of testing locations at slopublichealth.org/testing.
- **SLO County's Long-Term Care Ombudsman** is providing rapid antigen tests at no cost for [uninsured](#) LTC staff. Contact the LTC Ombudsman office at 805-781-0132 to request tests.
- **Public Health Laboratory testing** is available if needed for healthcare providers, including LTC staff. Please use the [COVID-19 Testing Referral Form](#) to request testing; fax the completed form to 805-781-5543.

Other COVID-19 treatment resources for LTC staff include:

- **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.
- **Free COVID-19 telehealth appointments** are available for staff 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.

For more information on testing, visit slopublichealth.org/testing or by calling 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: