



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

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Changes to COVID-19 Reporting and Test Distribution Coming in July

Now is the time to start preparing and make arrangements for future response testing

High-risk congregate facilities (skilled nursing and long-term care settings, shelters, correctional and psychiatric facilities) under state and local COVID-19 guidance can expect changes beginning July 1, 2024:

COVID-19 Response Testing

Effective July 1, the County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department will no longer be able to supply professional antigen tests. For response testing in a facility during an outbreak, **facilities are encouraged to make their own arrangements for testing** or testing supplies, such as:

- Purchasing your own antigen tests,
- Testing through Urgent Care, and/or
- Making arrangements with a home health agency.

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department will continue to have over the counter antigen tests for staff, N95s, and other PPE available by request until supplies are exhausted. A new process for submitting those requests through the slopublichealth.org website will be available on July 1.

Outbreak Reporting

Effective July 1, reporting of respiratory virus outbreaks in high-risk congregate settings—including COVID-19—will be via a line list available for completion on the slopublichealth.org website.

Until July 1, Deputy Health Officer Rick Rosen will remain available for COVID-19 outbreak reporting and requests for antigen tests and PPE. After July 1, you can expect a new contact for support related to COVID-19 testing, reporting, and supplies.

Please **stay tuned** for an update closer to July 1. Thank you.

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