



California COVID-19 Testing Task Force

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Nearly 4 Million Tests Processed & 100,000 Per Day

California has processed nearly 4 million PCR tests since March and on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 hit a record 100,000 tests per day. The Testing Task Force set out to complete between 60,000 – 80,000 tests per day by the end of summer.

Guidance for Sample Pooling Released

Group testing, also known as sample pooling, has the capacity to increase testing capabilities and is optimally used in settings where there is a low prevalence of COVID-19. This week, the Testing Task Force released guidance on this topic, which can be found on the Testing Task Force website [here](#).

Testing Task Force Transition to State

On July 1, the Testing Task Force, having now created the critical infrastructure to process COVID-19 tests across California, will transition back to the state. The private partners that were essential to quickly building a system for COVID-19 testing in California will no longer be official Task Force members – but will continue to consult with the state as needed.

The public-private Task Force created a summary of its work throughout its first 90 days. This playbook, also called the “Road to 100,000 Tests” is [available online](#).

California Testing Plan Released

The Testing Task Force has released its California Testing Plan, as required by the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act of 2020. The plan details how a minimum of two percent of the state’s population will be tested each month as well as the plans to increase that number by Fall 2020. The full plan is linked [here](#).

Visit the Testing Task Force Website

The [Testing Task Force website](#) has additional resources, fact sheets and guidance on COVID-19 testing.

About the Testing Task Force

The Testing Task Force was officially launched on April 4 and has been working toward the following goals:

- Working to increase California lab capacity to rapidly turn around test results and increase capacity strategically to meet demand;
- Improving the supply chain so that that California can both collect samples and evaluate results without delay;
- Enabling new, high-quality tests to launch in California as soon as possible;
- Improving our ability to accurately track and evaluate COVID-19 testing capacity, results and reporting; and
- Building the workforce necessary to meet our testing goals.

Please feel free to distribute this information through your own communication channels or visit the [Testing Task Force](#) for additional resources.

For specific questions, please reach out to testing.taskforce@state.ca.gov.