

# Partnering with the State of California's Valencia Branch Laboratory to Provide COVID-19 Testing

## Background Information

### What

The State of California has opened the **new Valencia Branch Laboratory (VBL)** with the goal of dramatically increasing daily COVID-19 testing by another 150,000 tests per day with a rapid turnaround time of under 48 hours<sup>1</sup>



The test kits provided are **anterior nasal swabs**, which can be self-administered and are less painful than other swab types<sup>2</sup>

### Who

For **employers and community organizations** that would like to expand their COVID-19 testing efforts, the State of California is providing **test kits, test registration software, test processing, and technical assistance**

### Why

This program aims to make it **easier to start a testing program, ensure timely results** and remove barriers in an organized, cost-effective, and efficient manner

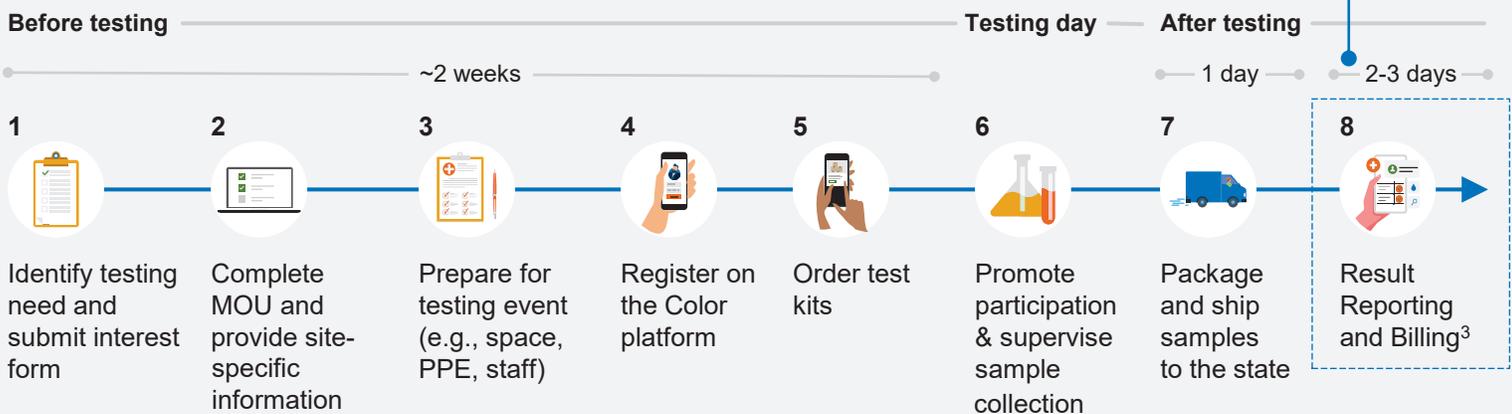
## State Responsibilities

- **Test kits**
- **Test processing** and, as appropriate, recoup costs through a third-party biller
- **Sample processing** in the laboratory
- **Results with a 24-48 hour turnaround goal**
- **Detailed support and instructions** for operating testing sites
- **Patient registration system**, and test result monitoring and notification system

## District Responsibilities

- **Submit request** for required number of test kits
- **Procure PPE and provide physical space** for testing
- **Conduct community outreach** to drive participation in testing
- **Provide staff and manage on-site logistics**, such as patient registration, information collection etc.
- **Supervise self-administered nasal swabs** at testing site
- **Package, coordinate and cover cost of transportation** of samples

## 8-Step Checklist to Conduct Testing



**Note:** You are welcome to partner with other organizations to streamline process and support steps on the checklist.

## Next Steps & Resources

- **Express interest in becoming** a testing partner at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CollectionSiteInterestForm](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CollectionSiteInterestForm)
- **Learn more about VBL & the Testing Task Force** at [testing.covid19.ca.gov/valencia-branch-laboratory/](http://testing.covid19.ca.gov/valencia-branch-laboratory/)

## Still have questions?

Please reach out to the Testing Task Force at [Testing.Taskforce@state.ca.gov](mailto:Testing.Taskforce@state.ca.gov)

1. 48-hour turnaround time goal from the time the completed samples arrive at VBL. 2. Per the CDC.

3. Sites that identify a shared provider or clinician (e.g., MD, RN) are fully responsible for informing patients about positive test results and after care.

Source: California COVID-19 Testing Task Force, CDC Report "Nasal Specimen Collection for SARS-CoV-2 Diagnostic Testing"

