VALENCIA BRANCH LABORATORY: TEST ASSAY DETAILS
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The California Department of Public Health’s (CDPH’s) Valencia Branch Laboratory (VBL) has available capacity for organizations and locations in need of COVID testing.

For more information on the VBL and how to partner, visit:
- Partnering with the State of California’s Valencia Branch Laboratory to Provide COVID-19 Testing
- The VBL website: the website has a detailed playbook to stand up community-based collection sites in the “How to Partner” section.

KEY THINGS TO KNOW

THE ASSAY

The COVID PCR test performed at VBL is the PerkinElmer New Coronavirus Nucleic Acid Detection Test.

This is an FDA-approved assay that is one of the most sensitive PCR assays currently available with EUA approval for both symptomatic and asymptomatic testing.

TESTING IN ASYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

Because of this performance, the PerkinElmer New Coronavirus Nucleic Acid Detection Kit has been granted EUA approval for use in asymptomatic populations.

SAMPLE COLLECTION

CDPH can provide collection kits, registration software, and training to collection sites.

Samples are “self-collected”, under observation by a trained individual. This is an approved, safe and effective collection method that drastically reduces overhead costs at the collection site.

Training and guidelines for appropriate testing and observation are provided.

ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION:
• FDA “Emergency Use Authorization for the PerkinElmer New Coronavirus Nucleic Acid Detection Test
• APHL comparison of the Limit of Detection (Sensitivity) of commercially available COVID assays