California COVID-19 Testing Task Force Newsletter
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The Testing Task Force was officially launched on April 4, with the mission of coordinating public and private sector efforts to significantly increase access to testing across California. The Task Force is co-chaired by Charity Dean, M.D., Assistant Director of the California Department of Public Health and Paul Markovich, CEO of Blue Shield of California 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.

1 Million Tests
Last week, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California has surpassed the 1 million test mark. The Testing Task Force is pleased to report the state has surpassed 50,000 tests performed per day this week.

Testing Task Force Website
The Testing Task Force website has been updated with additional resources, fact sheets and guidance, including new frequently asked questions documents.

Testing Sites
Several weeks ago, the state announced a partnership with OptumServe to add 80 additional testing sites across the state. As of this week, 79 sites have begun to collect samples. To increase testing in rural areas of the state, six additional counties have been identified for OptumServe sites, bringing the total to 86.

Appointments can be made by visiting https://lhi.care/covidtesting. Phone registration can also be used for people without internet access: 888-634-1123.

The state has also collaborated with Verily's Project Baseline to expand access to COVID-19 screening and testing for individuals in certain areas of the state. Appointments can be made by visiting this link. Drive-through testing sites are open in the following areas:

Northern California
- Lakeport (Lake County)
- Napa (Napa County)
- Oakland (Alameda County)
- Sacramento (Sacramento County)
- Salida (Stanislaus County)
- San Jose (Santa Clara County)
- San Mateo (San Mateo County)
- Stockton (San Joaquin County)

Southern California
- Bakersfield (Kern County)
- Lake Elsinore (Riverside County)
- Long Beach (Los Angeles County)
- Los Angeles (Los Angeles County)
- Sherman Oaks (Los Angeles County)

New COVID-19 Lab Resources
This week, the Testing Task Force announced a new Lab Testing Metrics Application portal for labs to submit data to the state. More information on this project can be found in the frequently asked questions document.

Please feel free to distribute this information through your own communication channels and as a reminder, you can always visit the Testing Task Force for additional resources.

For specific questions, please reach out to testing.taskforce@state.ca.gov and a representative will respond to you.