

The ERC team compiled some resources for you about COVID testing.

We hope these resources are helpful to you:

- 1. link to free drive-through testing locations for staff**
- 2. list of providers who can conduct free onsite testing at your facility for all staff and residents**
- 3. list of labs that can process the tests if facilities do the testing themselves**
- 4. description of how COVID testing providers get paid**

Please let us know if you have any questions.

1. Link to free drive through testing locations for staff

The City and County of Los Angeles offer several free drive-through testing sites. Tests are free for "essential workers" which includes people who work in ARFs and RCFEs. You may want to consider having all your staff get free COVID testing. While County DPH and Community Care Licensing don't currently require or advise this kind of testing for all ARF and RCFE staff if no one has tested positive at the facility, you may choose to recommend it to your staff as part of your COVID planning process.

Here is the link. You must make a reservation to get a free test.

<https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>

2. List of providers who can do free onsite testing at your facility (residents and staff)
Attached is a list of "testers." "Testers" are healthcare providers who will come onsite and test all your residents and staff. These testers will bill insurance and will not charge you or your residents. The testers have agreed to come to your facility within seven calendar days of receiving your request. If you choose to test all residents and staff, you may want to contact one of these testers. You do not have to use these testers, if you know of others who can do this service for you. You are not required to use these testers for ongoing medical care after the testing is complete, unless you or your residents want to. Some companies are both "testers" and "labs" and can do both specimen collection and processing. Your ERC team is continuing to add to this list and we will send you periodic updates.

3. List of labs that can process COVID tests, if facilities do the testing themselves

"Labs" process COVID tests that someone else conducts. These labs will bill insurance and will not charge you or your residents. Facilities can conduct testing if they have staff onsite that can do it (such as LVN or MA). The ERC team can train your staff in how to do the swab test. Some labs will give you free testing materials (swabs) if you'd like to do testing yourself. **ALSO:** If you have relationships with doctors and other healthcare providers who already come onsite, they can do testing. The ERC team can help train them if they would like training. Labs will process the specimens that facilities or healthcare providers collect. The labs have agreed to give you results within 48 hours. Some companies are both "testers" and "labs" and can do both specimen collection and processing. Your ERC team is continuing to add to this list and we will send you periodic updates.

4. Description of how COVID testing providers get paid

This document explains how the outside testers and labs doing COVID tests can get paid by Medicare, Medi-Cal and other insurance. Please feel free to share this with any testers or labs you work with. You may refer providers to the ERC team if they have questions about payment. Note that providers may not charge anyone with insurance for COVID testing, per state law.