

Updated Testing Guidance for COVID-19 June 8, 2021

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is modifying their guidance for diagnostic screening testing for acute care and long-term care facilities as persons vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine increases and case rates decline.

Diagnostic Screening Testing

Among acute care and long-term care facilities, diagnostic screening of asymptomatic employees should continue regardless of vaccination status except in the following situations:


- Long-term care facilities may discontinue routine screening testing of asymptomatic staff if >70% of residents **AND** staff are fully vaccinated.
- Acute care facilities may discontinue routine screening testing of asymptomatic staff if >70% of staff are fully vaccinated.
- Facilities may consider continuing routine screening for fully vaccinated staff with underlying immunocompromising conditions.

Molecular or antigen tests can be used for screening asymptomatic individuals who are infected with COVID-19 but must either have Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or be operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Resources

1. CDPH Updated Testing Guidance (6/7/2021): <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Updated-COVID-19-Testing-Guidance.aspx>
2. State's Testing Program: <https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/get-started/>
3. State's Antigen Testing Program: <https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/antigen-apply/>

Sincerely,



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