



LHD Testing Reminders

Local Health Department Testing Support

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) extends a thank you to all local health departments for your continued partnership and support of our COVID-19 testing programs.

As a reminder: Following the end of the public health emergency, the State of Michigan rescinded its state-wide standing physician's order that allowed CLIA-waived sites to obtain and administer Point of Care COVID-19 tests. Many counties have since implemented their own county-wide standing physician's order so that these sites can continue testing at their respective locations. For those LHD's that do not have a standing physician's order, they must obtain a standing physician's order independently. If your county does not have or is unable to obtain an ordering physician:

- Over the Counter (OTC) test kits distribution is still allowable.
 - To remain compliant with FDA rules and regulations for OTC tests, **sites are not permitted to perform the testing or read test results on behalf of the individuals** that require testing.
 - OTC test kits can be requested through the following link: [Michigan COVID-19 Over-the-Counter Test Request Form](#)
 - OTC test kits **CAN** be used for distribution through **vending machines and/or kiosks** as well.

LHD Testing Support:

- LHDs support the immediate testing needs of organizations during current outbreak and emergency situations, but should refer them back to MDHHS for ongoing testing needs by providing this email contact: mdhhs-covidtestingsupport@michigan.gov (**please do not provide the ordering form link**).
- MDHHS also supplies tests on a regular basis to the following and asks LHDs to use discretion when supplying tests to them given that MDHHS provides them with the needed testing supplies:
 - LTC (SNF, ALF, AFC, HFA, Hospice)
 - Schools (K-12)

- Department of Corrections
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- Migrant Worker sites
- Psychiatric hospitals
- FQHCs
- Shelters
- Libraries – you can view the list of participating libraries at [the Library Partnership for At-Home Test webpage](#)
 - Libraries interested in enrolling in the MDHHS Library at-home COVID-19 test distribution program can enroll on the [COVID Self Test Distribution Site Enrollment Survey Form](#).
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LHDs should not regularly support hospitals, physicians' offices, pharmacies, universities, and other sites that have the purchasing power to obtain tests independently. A limited interim supply may be offered until they can get tests if experiencing an outbreak or some other immediate need.

Vendor Supported Testing

MDHHS is working with several vetted vendors to increase staffed testing support in Michigan. Vendors are available for one-time events or can be set up as long-term testing sites. Testing vendors offer indoor and outdoor testing, mobile units, along with drive-up and walk-up testing sites.

Vendor testing support can be requested at [COVID-19 Order Tests or Testing Event Request](#).