

PDL Announcement:

COVID-19 Test Information for Travel

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GENERAL INFORMATION on COVID-19 TESTING for TRAVEL

This information is being provided as general guidance for providers and patients that are inquiring about COVID-19 testing for travel.

The CDC has provided recommendations on Testing and International Air Travel on the following website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-air-travel.html>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Is there a standard for COVID-19 testing for travel?

Not at this time. It is important that the traveler understands the specific requirements for their travel destination.

The destination requirements for COVID-19 testing will include details on test type, timing of testing to travel date and in some cases where the test is performed. Travelers need to understand the specific requirements of their destination to determine what is accepted before obtaining a COVID-19 test.

For example:

- *The State of Hawaii will only accept testing from "Trusted Testing and Travel Partners". At this time, PDL is not on this list. Information is available on the following website: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/travel/>*
- *Spain requires a test done within 72 hours of travel; traveler must show a formal test result with a negative result (RT-PCR or other molecular techniques for detecting viral RNA with equivalent reliability, such as TMA, RT-LAMP).*

Is COVID-19 testing done by PDL compliant for Travel?

At this time there is no standard approach for COVID-19 testing for travel, testing offered by PDL may or may not meet the requirements.

What COVID-19 testing does PDL perform?

PDL currently performs COVID-19 tests that are FDA EUA approved molecular nucleic acid amplification (NAA) diagnostic tests. Nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT) include RT-PCR, TMA, and LAMP.

Please note: As demand for testing continues to increase the molecular method may vary. PDL may adjust testing platforms based on availability of supplies. In very high demand situations, PDL may send testing to our referral laboratory partners.

Can I get tested through my Airline?

Some airlines have contracted with collection and testing facilities. Check with your airline if this is an option. In most cases, this option will require an appointment and cannot be done last minute.

How far in advance of my trip should I get the COVID-19 test?

Verify with the destination. In many cases it has to be done within 72 hours but some locations may require a tighter timeframe. Some destinations will allow travelers to travel if they have a test in process but stay in quarantine on arrival at the destination until the result is available. Again, travelers should ensure they are following the requirements for their destination.

If my COVID-19 test is negative, do I have to quarantine on arrival to my destination?

Travelers need to follow the requirements for their destination.

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