

COVID-19 Collection Kit Allocations

July 24, 2020

WHAT HAS OCCURRED

Due to increased demand for COVID-19 PCR testing nationwide, PDL is seeing requests for COVID-19 collection kits at a rate exceeding our supply inventory, as well as the supply augmentation from the State of California via Santa Barbara County Public Health. Unfortunately, PDL's supply vendors and the State of California are also unable to meet the increased supply demand leading to the necessity of supply allocation. Concurrently, PDL is actively working on additional collection kit sources, including assembly of kit components by PDL. This is a very dynamic process and we will actively keep you posted on our progress toward resolving this supply issue.

WHAT THIS MEANS

PDL is putting into place the following changes effective immediately:

- Supply allocation:** COVID-19 collection kits will be issued based on a ratio of client test utilization to total available kits on hand.
- Alternate collection kits:** Your supply allocation may contain alternate collection kits such as viral transport media or saline with a separate swab accompanied by instructions for use.
- Recommendation to providers on test prioritization:** On July 14, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) provided the following tiered prioritization structure.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TESTING PRIORITIES AS OF JULY 14, 2020	
Tier	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Updated-COVID-19-Testing-Guidance.aspx
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitalized individuals with COVID-19 symptoms. Investigation and management of outbreaks, under direction of state and local public health. Close contacts of confirmed cases.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other individuals with COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals who are asymptomatic, who fall into one of the following categories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Live in higher risk congregate care facilities Work in the health care sector who have frequent interactions with the public or with people who may have COVID-19 or have been exposed to SARS-CoV-2. Work in a congregate care facility, including shelters for people experience homelessness and residential care facilities for the elderly. Provide care to an elderly person or a person with a disability in the home. Work in the emergency services sector who have frequent interactions with the public or with people who may have COVID-19 or have been exposed to SARS-CoV-2. Work in a correctional facility. Patients requiring pre-operative/pre-hospital admission screening. Patients being discharged from hospitals to lower levels of care.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who work in the retail or manufacturing sectors, agricultural or food manufacturing sector, who have frequent interactions with the public or who works in an environment where it is not practical to maintain at least six feet of space from other workers on a consistent basis. Individuals who work in the food services sector, public transportation sector, education sector who have frequent interactions with the public.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other individuals not specified above including: those who are asymptomatic but believe they have a risk for being actively infected as well as routine testing by employers.

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