

FOUR NEW SITES INCREASE COVID-19 TESTING

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The State of California and the COVID-19 Testing Task Force have joined together with OptumServe in a partnership to expand COVID-19 testing services in California. On Wednesday, May 13th, four sites will begin taking appointments for testing services in Orange County located in the cities of **Buena Park, Orange, Santa Ana** and **San Juan Capistrano**, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

THE TEST

The testing offered is FDA-authorized PCR testing that identifies current infection (not past) through collection of a specimen using a nasal-pharyngeal swab. PCR testing is still imperfect and, particularly with asymptomatic people, the test may falsely identify someone as negative. Therefore, results should be interpreted cautiously.

PAYMENT

If an individual has medical insurance, OptumServe will bill the patient's medical insurance company. Uninsured individuals may also use the community test site, and their tests will be paid for by the state. Individuals receiving tests will not be charged.

TESTING CRITERIA

In Orange County, prioritization at this time is given to "...asymptomatic healthcare workers, a employer or healthcare provider. That priority group is defined on the California Department of Public Health's guidance to local health jurisdictions dated May 1.

There is no medical assessment offered at the Optum Test Sites; so it is recommended that people with symptoms should contact their medical provider or, if they do not have a provider, go to a clinic listed on the OC COVID-19 Testing Network at www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus.

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

If you fit the testing criteria and are interested in getting a test, it's important to know that tests are by appointment only. Appointments can be made and location details confirmed, by visiting <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or calling 1(888) 634-1123. Please note that phone registration will only be used for people without internet access.