



Free COVID-19 Testing for LA County Residents

Mayor Eric Garcetti announced Wednesday that the City of Los Angeles will be the first major U.S. city to offer free COVID-19 testing to all residents, regardless of whether individuals are showing symptoms of the virus. The testing program, organized in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort), represents a concerted effort to scale up the response to COVID-19. City and County officials acknowledge that wide-spread testing of both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals is necessary to curb the spread of the virus and is a crucial first step toward relaxing restrictions.

Testing is open to all residents of LA County but is only available at eight locations within the City limits. Appointments are required, with priority given to those showing symptoms, medical professionals and other essential front-line workers. All County-operated testing locations currently offer testing only for symptomatic individuals, those in institutional congregate living settings, and essential workers.

Because the Department of Children and Family Services is not requiring that employees be tested for COVID-19 at this time, any employee who chooses to schedule a test must do so on their own time.

Further information and frequently asked questions are located on the [online portal](#), where LA County residents may find a testing location and schedule an appointment.