

COVID-19 Community Testing Community Based Organization (CBO) Companion Document

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As a community leader you likely know how your community is thinking and feeling about COVID-19. You may know your community is at increased risk because they are working in grocery stores, working in long term care facilities, or they have higher rates of heart disease or diabetes. Maybe some people in the community feel the COVID-19 focus is overblown, or that they are not at risk. Or perhaps they are very fearful that this represents yet another way they will be marginalized and bear greater burdens of disease or negative aftereffects from COVID-19. Whatever the circumstances, you know your community. This document is intended to support you in getting the COVID testing support your community needs.

First thing to know, any CBO or community partner, for example a local fire station, place of worship,

To submit a community test site resource request, please click [here](#).

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business, non-profit organization, etc. can request testing resources for their community, using the [community test site and resource request](#). Someone from the CDPHE lab will contact you within 1-5 days of submission. To request staff who can take samples, please use the link [here](#). Some communities that are at higher risk of disease or severe illness will be prioritized for free testing and testing support, e.g., testing supplies, staff to perform the tests. Each county has a target number of tests to perform each day. Below is a table showing some of those targets and testing rates at the time this document was prepared. A link to updated data is also provided in the footnote below.

Unfortunately, some medical conditions put people at higher risk for the disease, including lung disease, heart disease, immunocompromised status, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, liver disease or tobacco use. You can find data for your county on these conditions at the [Center for Improving Value in Health Care](#). You can also look to see if there are any [public health outbreaks](#) in your area.

Geography	Population	Tests/ Day ¹	Current Tests Per Day ²		Additional Needed Tests/Day
			Avg tests	% of Goal	
Colorado	5,694,311	8,655	7,153	83%	1,502
Metro Denver Seven County Population	3,197,879	4860	3,162	65%	1,698
Adams	511,469	777	484	62%	293
Arapahoe	651,345	990	603	61%	387
Boulder	325,480	495	376	76%	119
Broomfield	69,453	106	69	65%	37
Denver	717,796	1091	861	79%	230
Douglas	342,847	521	269	52%	252
Jefferson	579,489	880	500	57%	380
Weld	314,250	478	346	72%	132
Larimer	350,362	533	421	79%	112
El Paso	714,398	1,086	476	44%	610

¹Jha AK, Tsai T, Jacobson B. Why we need at least 500,000 tests per day to open the economy – and stay open. April 18, 2020. Harvard Global Health Institute, <https://globalepidemics.org/2020/04/18/why-we-need-500000-tests-per-day-to-open-the-economy-and-stay-open/>, accessed 5/29/2020. Cited in [New York Times Article](#)

²[State tests as of 5/28/20](#); and county-level tests by day 3-day average [5/26/20-5/28/20](#) (need to download data and average last three days of testing/county).

If you decide your community needs testing resources, follow these steps:

1. Understand the overall flow of information from testing to patient notification using this [link](#).
2. Request needed [staff to take samples](#).
3. Request any other needed resources through the [community test site and resource request link](#).
4. Walk through the testing event worksheet, and marketing and outreach planner worksheet below.
5. Encourage community members to record their symptoms in the state's [symptom tracker](#). After entering their information, people are directed to 211 resources and get supportive text messages. It also helps the state decide where to locate testing resources.
6. If you are interested in more details, see the links for how [counties are planning for COVID testing](#) or [the Library of Community-based Testing Protocols](#).
7. If you have additional questions about how to proceed please contact your Local Public Health Agency (LPHA). Links to the following seven-county Denver metro LPHAs include: [Boulder County Public Health](#), [Broomfield County Department of Health and Human Services](#), [Denver Department of Public Health and Environment](#), [Denver Public Health](#), [Jefferson County Public Health](#), and [Tri-County Health Department](#).

Testing Event Worksheet			
County Name		Testing location	
Organization 1		Organization 2	
Testing date		Testing time	
Appointment required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule set by	
COVID Symptoms required for testing?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Prioritization method (if any)	
Cost (if any) of testing		Insurance taken	
Staffing provided by		Technology used	
Supplies sourced from		Lab	
Target audience		Communication channel	
Contact Name	Role	Phone	Email

Marketing and Outreach Planner		
Target Audience	Communication Channels	Notes
Ex: food pantry customers	Ex: Distribute a flyer with weekly delivery	Ex: Flyer will be distributed in multiple languages

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