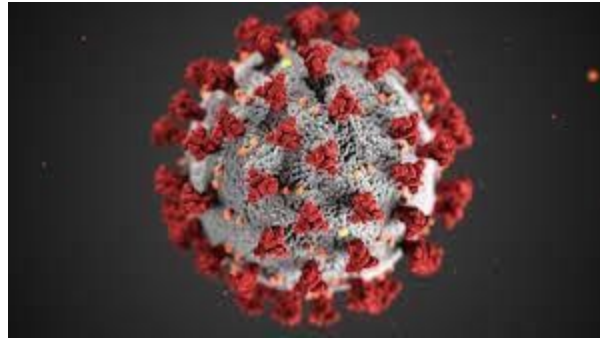


Some COVID-19 testing options for Del Norte, Curry residents

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As governments relax activity restrictions, some area residents are looking for options to be tested for the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Testing options for both California and Oregon residents is available through Project Baseline by Verily.

The schedule for free COVID-19 testing in Del Norte County includes the following dates:

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. June 22 and 23, Del Norte High School, 1301 El Dorado St., Crescent City

9 a.m. – 1 p.m., June 24, Redwood Elementary School, 6900 Lake Earl Drive, Fort Dick

Participants must register online at <https://www.covid19.dnco.org/testing> or by calling 707-464-3191.

Spanish translators are available for registration (by calling) and at the site.

Testing is available to anyone over the age of 18, whether they are symptomatic or not, and they do not have to be a resident of California. Insurance information is requested, but those without insurance can still receive a free test. There is currently no limit to the number of free tests any individual may receive.

Patients stay in their cars throughout the process, checking in at the first station, then performing a swab of their nose at the second station, overseen by volunteer nurses.

Del Norte County Emergency Services Manager Kymmie Scott said Verily plans to expand its free testing. Although the schedule is not yet set beyond June 24, plans are to offer testing in Crescent City at least once a week, then in subsequent weeks in Fort Dick, Gasquet, Smith River and Klamath. Go to <https://www.covid19.dnco.org/testing> for schedule updates.

CVS Health is offering another drive-up coronavirus testing option for California residents only at the CVS Pharmacy, located at 657 Highway 101 North, in Crescent City. According to the CVS website, limited appointments are available to patients who qualify. Patients must legally reside in the state and be 18 years of age or older. Patients being tested are required to stay in their vehicles.

To make an appointment or for more information, go to <https://bit.ly/3dlMqAx>.

In Curry County, Curry Health Network offers Covid-19 testing at three locations: Curry Medical Center in Brookings, Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach, and Curry Family Medical in Port Orford. Physicians orders are required in order to receive a test, and patients are invited to call 541-412-2000 to schedule a telephone consultation or tele-health visit to receive an order. Once a patient has an order, an appointment is made for any one of the three locations, and the patient has their specimen collected by laboratory or nursing staff, conveniently, in their vehicle and without the need to enter a facility. COVID-19 testing is free to the patient (insurance companies will be billed with no payment due from the patient, uninsured will not receive a bill).

At this time no pharmacies in Brookings or Gold Beach have set up a COVID-19 testing site.