

COVID-19 testing centers expanding in Del Norte County

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The OptumServe testing sites in Klamath, Smith River and Crescent City will be expanding their services to include Test to Treat services starting May 16. Test to Treat services include rapid antigen testing, and when testing positive, individuals can receive an assessment by a medical provider to determine eligibility to receive a prescription antiviral medications all at the same location. These services are free of charge, but please contact (888) 634-1123 for more information.

Effective May 25, the OptumServe site will relocate to the Pem Mey Fuel Mart located at 125 Ehlers Way in Klamath on Wednesdays. They will be closed on May 18.

Below are some links for additional information about Test to Treat services:

Treatments/General

* **DON'T WAIT.** If you have COVID-19 symptoms, get tested. Treatment works best when started as soon as possible after symptoms start and before symptoms worsen.

* COVID-19 treatments can lower risk of severe illness and hospitalization and work best when taken soon after symptoms begin.

How to get COVID-19 treatments:

* If you have symptoms, call your health care provider right away to ask about testing and if you qualify for COVID-19 treatments.

* Stay home and isolate away from others to avoid making them sick.

* If you don't have a health care provider or don't hear back from your provider within a few days, visit a Test to Treat site to get rapid testing and find out if treatments are right for you. For Del Norte, these are the OptumServe Sites in Smith River, Crescent City and Klamath. Visit the Del Norte County Info Hub for OptumServe sites and schedules.

COVID-19 treatments are not a substitute for COVID-19 vaccines. While treatments are an essential tool in the fight against COVID-19, vaccines are how we get through the pandemic. Go to MyTurn to book your appointment to find a walk-in clinic near you.

Test to Treat Initiative

* The United States government launched the Test to Treat initiative as part of the federal government's National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. Through this program, individuals can get tested, assessed by a medical provider, and (if appropriate) given prescription antiviral pills (Paxlovid or molnupiravir) all in the same location.

* Most COVID-19 medications are currently free, but some testing and treating facilities may charge an administration or visit fee that may be covered by insurance. People should ask about these fees when they call a Test to Treat site.

* Test to Treat sites can be found on the Test to Treat Locator.