

## California's Valued Trust SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Testing Option through Quest Diagnostics

- This program will launch **November 1, 2020**
- The molecular test for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) is a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT).
- The Quest Diagnostics Direct-Mail program allows employees to self-collect their sample in the safety of their home. Alternatively, districts can choose to have all participant self-collection kits shipped to the district office.
- The employee self-collects with a swab that only goes ½ an inch inside each nostril. The employee ships their sample back to Quest Diagnostics via the pre-paid FedEx mailer. [Here is a video on the process and what the employee can expect.](#)
- COVID-19 test results are available within approximately 2 days from the date the sample is collected. Employees can retrieve their results from the Quest Diagnostics site.
- If desired, Quest Diagnostics can send test results to a HIPAA-authorized employee at each district. The results file is sent via secure encrypted email. Districts will enter a 1-page data sharing agreement with Quest Diagnostics. Districts will obtain consent from their employees.
- All employees with COVID-19 positive results will receive a call from a physician to walk through the result with the employee and answer questions.
- Quest Diagnostics requires an eligibility file provided by the district to ship the COVID-19 self-collection kit to identified employees captured on the eligibility file.
- Quest Diagnostics will invoice CVT for employees covered by a CVT health plan. CVT will pay for one test per covered employee once every two months.
- If a district wishes to use this process to test employees not covered by a CVT health plan, Quest Diagnostics will bill the district \$115 for each test.
- This program is available to K-12 School Districts.

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Note: Diagnostic tests assess the presence of the virus at a given point in time. A negative means only that an individual was negative at the time the test.