COVID-19 testing for businesses and events

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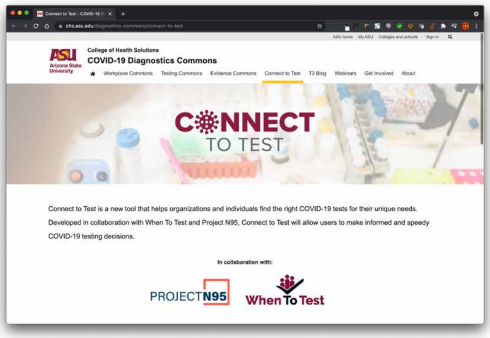
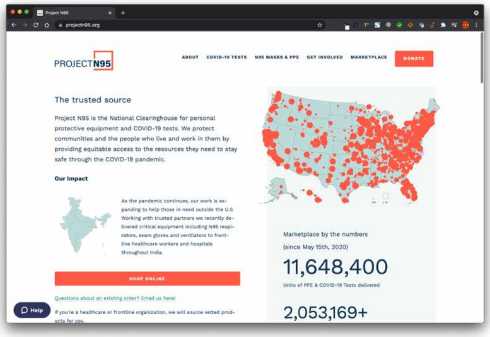
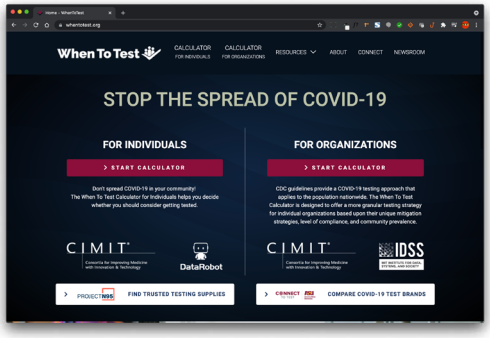
The Utah Department of Health is not providing COVID-19 testing services to private businesses or to private event organizers. Businesses and event organizers are responsible for getting their own testing vendors and supplies, lab services, and reporting test results to Utah Department of Health. You can search for testing vendors online or use the resources below as a starting point.



Connect to Test is a tool that can help you find the best type of COVID-19 test based on your business or event needs. This tool also lets you purchase different types of tests that will work best for you.
https://chs.asu.edu/diagnostics-commons/connect-to-test



Project N95 is a national clearinghouse for personal protective equipment (PPE) and COVID-19 tests. Project N95 makes group purchases of PPE and testing supplies to lower costs to businesses.
https://www.projectn95.org/



When To Test is an easy-to-use tool that helps you or your business know when to test for COVID-19. It accounts for community spread of COVID-19 in your area, strategies your business is taking to prevent spread of COVID-19, and the level of compliance at your worksite.
https://whentotest.org/

Types of COVID-19 tests

There are many types of COVID-19 tests. Some test results can be read by the person giving the test or by the person being tested, like a pregnancy test. Other tests need to be sent to a lab or read by special equipment. Tests can be over-the-counter (sometimes called at-home tests) which means a person can administer the test themselves, or they can be point-of-care tests which means a healthcare provider or trained person needs to administer the test for you.

- **Molecular tests** are often called PCR tests.These tests look for the genetic material of the virus. These are very accurate tests and almost always detect if a person is infected with the virus. Molecular tests are performed in a laboratory and have longer turnaround times for results. It can take 1-2 days to get your test result back.

- **Rapid antigen tests** look for proteins found on or within the virus. These tests tell you if you have COVID-19 right now and could spread it to other people. Results are faster than molecular tests and can take about 15 minutes to 1 hour. Antigen tests can detect only high amounts of virus and are less sensitive than PCR tests. They work best when someone has symptoms of COVID-19 and are most accurate during the first 5-7 days of illness when the viral load is highest.
- **Rapid molecular tests** look for the genetic material of the virus like a PCR test but results are much quicker because the sample doesn't have to be sent to a lab for processing. These test results take 15 minutes to 1 hour to get back.
- **Serology (blood) or antibody tests** for COVID aren't appropriate for worksites or event venues. Right now, we don't have very good tests that can tell us a person's immunity from COVID-19. Antibody tests don't tell if someone is infectious with COVID-19 and can spread it to other people. Positive antibody tests are NOT a guarantee of immunity from COVID-19.

Tests should be FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or FDA-approved, laboratory-developed tests for COVID-19. For a list of authorized or approved tests, visit:

- Antigen tests
- Molecular tests

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) waiver

COVID-19 tests are federally regulated by the FDA and rules established by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA). Tests done in labs are covered under the lab's CLIA certificate. It's possible for non-lab organizations, like a worksite or event venue, to do testing, but this requires a CLIA certificate of waiver.

Point-of-care (POC) tests require a CLIA certificate of waiver. However, over-the-counter (OTC) or at-home tests don't require a CLIA certificate or a CLIA certificate of waiver.

For information on how to get a CLIA certificate of waiver, visit https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/downloads/HowObtainCertificateofWaiver.pdf.

To apply for a CLIA certificate of waiver, visit https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms116.pdf.

Reporting test results

All COVID-19 test results are required by state and federal law to be reported to the Utah Department of Health within 24 hours of test finalization. It doesn't matter what type of test was used or what the result was; all test results must be reported to public health. However, at-home rapid antigen test results do NOT have to be reported to the Utah Department of Health. These kinds of tests don't have to be mailed to a lab for processing or uploaded into an app or other special equipment.

For more information on reporting COVID-19 test results, visit https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Health-provider/COVID-19-Laboratory-Reporting-FAQs.pdf.

Email edx@utah.gov to get set up with the Utah Department of Health online reporting portal to report your COVID-19 results.

Examples of COVID-19 tests that may be used

These are examples of COVID-19 tests that are FDA approved or have emergency use authorization that could be used by employers, businesses, and event venues. We encourage you to visit Connect to Test to find the right kind of test based on your needs.

	Molecular tests	Antigen tests
Point-of-care tests (CLIA certificate of waiver required)	• Lucira COVID-19 all-in-one test kit	• Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card home test • OraSure InteliSwab COVID-19 rapid test Rx
Over-the-counter tests	• Cue COVID-19 test for home and OTC use • Lucira CHECK-IT COVID-19 test kit	• Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card 2 home test • Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 antigen self test • Access Bio CareStart COVID-19 antigen home test • BD Veritor at-home COVID-test • Ellume COVID-19 home test • OraSure InteliSwab COVID-19 rapid test • Quidel QuickVue at-home OTC COVID-19 test

	CLIA certificate required (test results must be processed by a lab)	**CLIA certificate of waiver required** (test results are done by the testing provider on-site, most often a doctor or healthcare provider)	**Home tests**
Test needs to be read by special equipment to get results (called instrument read)	• Celltrion Sampinute • DiaSorin LIAISON • Ortho VITROS • Qorvo Omnia • QIAGEN QIAreach • Quanterix Simoa	• BD Veritor • BD Veritor + Flu A/B • Ellume • Luminostics Clip • LumiraDx • Quidel Sofia FIA • Quidel Sofia2+Flu	• BD Veritor • Ellume OTC
The person taking the test can read the test results themselves (called visually read)		• Access Bio CareStart • ANP Technologies NIDS • BinaxNOW Card • BinaxNOW 2 Card • Celltrion DiaTrust • GenBody COVID-19 Ag • InBios SCoV-2 • OraSure Inteliswab Pro • PHASE Scientific INDICAID • Princeton Status+Flu • Salofa Sienna-Clarity • Quidel QuickVue	• Access Bio CareStart • BinaxNOW home Rx • BinaxNOW self over-the-counter • BinaxNOW Telehealth • OraSure Inteliswab Rx • OraSure Inteliswab OTC • Quidel QuickVue Rx • Quidel QuickVue OTC